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Clarke in bid to defuse row over egg risk

Danger played down as Currie remains silent

● A bitter political row broke out yesterday after statements by Mrs Edwina Currie over the safety of eggs

■ The Ministry of Agriculture announced a new code for poultry farmers aimed at combating salmonella in eggs

● Furious Tory MPs joined farmers in . ● The elderly and other vulnerable accusing the junior Health Minister of groups were advised not to eat raw eggs damaging the industry or uncooked foods made from them

Both Mr Clarke in the Commons and Sir Donald

Acheson, the Chief Medical

Officer, in an interview on The World at One nn BBC

Radio, sidestepped questions over whether they agreed with

Mrs Currie's remarks. But after Labour MPs and

at least one Conservative had

called for her resignation Mr

Clarke publicly supported Mrs

Currie and suggested that some MPs might be envious

of "her natural gift for obtain-

This was not the first occa-sion on which she had ob-tained a great deal of publicity

for a serious question and drawn the attention of the

public to a matter which might

otherwise have passed their

Mr Richard Ryder, Par-

liamentary Secretary at the

poultry breeders. It is vol-

untary, but the Government

has not ruled out making it

compulsory if the industry

Thorough cleaning and dis-

infection of poultry houses

Hygienic transport of birds

Sound hygienic practices

Thorough hatchery hygiene

Strict bacteriological mon-

itoring of breeding flocks and

Strict monitoring of poultry Continued on page 22, cel 1

Fo to work.

ON & CURRIE?

Employment prospects in the 1990s

Training to be privatized

There will be 12 to 20 councils

by the end of the year, and

more than 100 after three

The move was bitterly

criticized by both wings of the

Labour movement for relying on a devolved employer-led

Parliament.

Leading article.....

from batcheries to rearers.

fails to comply, It requires:

ing publicity."

By Philip Webster and John Young

elderly and other vulnerable

groups not to eat eggs unless

they were thoroughly cooked.

mons, however, that the risk to any healthy adults from

eggs was "very small indeed." Although the exchanges in

the Commons were often

light-hearted they had been preceded by a heated White-hall dispute between the

Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture over Mrs Currie's remarks.

The ministry was upset that

in a television interview with-

instructing barristers to seek

"colossal damages" from Mrs

Currie for harming business an irritated Mr John Macgregor, the Minister of

from Montreal in Canada,

where he is attending a Gatt

conference, for an explanation

He was told of the contents

of Mr Clatke's Commons

statement and was said by

colleagues to have been

The general view in White-

hall is that Mrs Currie was

guilty of a gaffe that could

have damaged her long-term

political prospects far more

than any of the other

controversies in which she has

She was conspicuously ab-

sent from the Government

front-bench as Mr Clarke

made his Commons state-

ment, and health department

officials declined to say where

It transpired that she was on

visit to a hospital in south

London where, besieged by

reporters, she uncharacteris-

tically declined to answer

questions.

The view among Conservative MPs was that Mr

Clarke, who had reportedly

been angered by some of her

earlier pronouncements, had

told her to keep silent to avoid

The Government yesterday

announced that new employ-

ment-led training and enter-

prise councils will provide the

framework for training in

Britain at local level, in a

White Paper - Employment for the 1990s - which shifts

responsibility and the cost of

training to the private sector.

Mr Norman Fowler, Sec-

retary of State for Employ-

ment, said the Government

would contract the existing

training programme out to

private companies. If their

performance is unsatisfactory

the contracts will be with-

been involved.

of Mrs Currie's remarks.

out first checking them.

she had made her comments notice.

As one leading egg producer Ministry of Agriculture, an-said yesterday that he was nounced the new code for

Agriculture, called Mr Clarke - Improved hygiene in poul-

try houses.

between batches.

for egg collection.

Silent epidemic.

Leading article... Political sketch...

Parliament ...

Mr Clarke assured the Com-

The Government yes- ernment announced a tough further barm, but this was not terday sought to head off
widespread public scare
over food poisoning and
over food poisoning and poisoning and poisoning and
over food poisoning and poisoning an to safeguard farmers against big losses by reassuring shoppers that it is safe to carry on buying

After a fierce Whitehall clash, triggered by Mrs Edwina Currie's remarks about most of the country's egg production being infected with salmonella, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, was obliged to go to the Commons to placate angry Conservative MPs accusing her of damaging the industry by ill-considered

Ith line

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At the same time the Gov-

WIN £36,000

Portfolio

Accumulator There were no

winners of yesterday's £4,000 daily prize, so today there is £36,000 to be won in the Portfolio Accumulator. Prices: page 27

INSIDE **North Sea**

pull-out International Thomson, one

of the first companies to strike oil off the shores of Britain, is pulling out of the North Sea in a deal expected to bring in about £160 million. The decision comes when

two of Thomson's fields, Piper and Claymore, are out of commission because of the explosion on the Piper platform. The proceeds will be invested in Thomson's publish-

ing and holiday operations. Details, page 25 Comment, page 27

Mutiny 'deal'

The end of Argentina's military revolt brought claims of a deal between the Army and the mutineers behind President Alfonsin's back and fears that he is not in complete con-trol of the forces Page 11

Win a holiday in Barbados

the chance to win two weeks in Barbados appears today. Tesco and Rnss Foods have combined to give two couples a formight at the Tamarind Cove Huicl The winners, plus 20 runners-up, will also receive a champagne flight on Concorde.

Details of the free prize draw appear in the Tesco colour insert in The Times

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A frenzied debut for steel | Radiation error



Frantic dealing on the London Traded Options Market after British Steel made its debut.

Soviet Union arrives in New

York today heralded hy a Soviet public relations barrage

that has raised fears in the

White House that he may

intend launching some spec-tacular peace initiative for

which United States officials

While the US Administra-

tion has worked hard to lower

expectations for tomorrow's

session with President Reagan

and President-elect George

Bush, senior Soviet officials in

New York have for the past

three days been hinting that

the Kremlin leader could use

are unprepared.

by hospital puts 54 more patients at risk

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

overdoses at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital show that 54 more patients were affected than was first admitted and that 10 may die from the treatment.

Exeter Health Authority initially admitted that 153 patients received 25 per cent more radiation than prescribed when a telecobalt machine in the hospital's radio-therapy department was wrongly calibrated.

The error was discovered in July, but some victims were not notified until the end of October.

Subsequently, Sir Bryan Thwaites, former chairman of Wessex Health Authority, investigated the causes of the blunder, while Professor Charles Joslin, a radiologist from Leeds, examined its medical consequences.

Professor Joslin says severe radiation has endangered the lives of up to 10 victims. Another 40 are at high risk, but the results are not lifethreatening. Twenty are at moderate risk but are unlikely to have their quality of life

At least 30 of the patients who received overdoses have since died. However, that figure includes patients diagnosed as terminally ill before the mishap.

Both reports, to be published today, are highly critical of the hospital's physics department for management failures and the "insensitive" way victims were notified of the hlunder.

They say it is unprecedented for patients numbered

offers because of the Soviet

Union's vast superiority, US

package now being drawn up

tanks and artillery and a 10

per cent reduction in Nato

alliance, since the arms con-

trol package has not yet been

agreed by Nato governments.

the package includes a pro-

Soviet force of more than

37,000 tanks stationed in East-

According to US officials,

huge cuts in Warsaw Pact

can afford to make generous tory west of the Urals.

officials leaked details of a Nato would have to cut its

by Nato governments involv- including those in store, by 10

The leaked proposals have any single country having

caused some dismay in the more than 30 per cent of the

posal to cut by two-thirds the in Europe was 40,000, the Soviet force of more than Soviet Union could have no

Soviet arms-control coup feared

By Michael Evans, London, Frederick Bonnart, Brassels, and Charles Bremner, New York

President Gorbachov of the tomorrow morning to perform control where Mr Gorbachov ern Europe and Soviet terri-

Two reports into radiation rately treated over a period of months in an area as potentially dangerous as radio-

The original mistake was made during calibration of the telecobalt machine.

The reports say: "It is incomprehensible that the working was not thoroughly checked first by the physicist who carried out the work and second by another physicist."
The first physicist was "at the very least careless, and at

Last December, the hospital's management decided to transfer the more senior physicist tn Torbay, leaving only one physicisi committed to fulltime radiation physics, another with previous experi-ence, and Dr Scott Bowring, the head of department.

That change, Professor Thwaites's report says, was made by management despite an explicit written warning by Dr Bowring that it would be "fundamentally detrimental" to patient care. After the calibration blun-

der was discovered. Mr Stuart Cook, a hospital physicist, and Dr Bowring were dismissed. Last month, Mr Hamish Turner, the Torbay coroner,

recorded a verdict of "misadventure aggravated by lack of care" on Mrs Marjorie Brimhlecombe, aged 47, one of the patients affected.

The inquest opened the floodgates to claims for compensation from the local health authority.

Health authority sources confirmed the reports' accnracy last night. The Department of Health is expected to

The officials said both sides

would have 20,000 tanks each.

number of tanks in Europe,

Another important part of

the Nato proposals, the of-

ficials said, would be a ban on

total weapons in each cate-

gory, such as tanks, artillery

This would mean, if the total number of tanks allowed

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and fighting vehicles.

Little joy for small investors

By David Brewerton

Investors hoping for a quick profit on British Steel were denied their chance when dealings opened at a premium Few of the 650,000 investors who applied for the shares appeared willing to sell.

For most investors, the cost of dealing would have more than wiped out any profit. An investor with the minimum of 400 shares would have collected £8 by selling at the best price quoted while dealing costs would be at least £12.

The privatization has satisfied the Government and its advisers as the issue was oversubscribed, the shares opened at a premium and the Government avoided the charge that it sold too cheaply.

Shortly before trading began, the British Steel chairman, Sir Robert Scholey, was presented with the Businessman of the Year Award.

the system was "shot through, with anomalies".

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said: "It

is disgraceful that the Govern-

ment has chosen to use this

White Paper on the crucial

issue of training as a vehicle

for such a malevolent hotch-

potch of prejudice. Remnving the few remaining protections

from the lowest-paid by

abolishing wages councils will

do nothing to generate jobs

Steel premium, page 23

the podium at the United new Soviet initiative in the Nations General Assembly area of conventional arms Varsity match first for drink message

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter Thousands of rugby support- ment advertisement and pub-

Twickenham today will be among the first targets of this year's Christmas campaign by ministers, police and brewers against drink-driving.

Scotland Yard is setting up special police units round the ground: to spot and test supporters. Bars serving low alcohol or no-alcohol drinks will be open in the ground and the Rugby Football Union is running an advertising campaign against drinking and driving at one of the most convivial national sporting

All Football League clubs are taking part in the campaign over Christmas, according to plans announced yesterday by Mr Peter Botgrammes will carry a govern- testing by police.

ers attending the annual Ox- lic address systems will ford and Cambridge match at broadcast drink-driving warn-

a coup de théâtre.

According to Mr Nikolai

Shishlin, a Central Committee

member, Mr Gorbachov "will

have a Christmas gift to the

American people and to man-

Gorbachov will have in his

pocket very interesting ideas,

very interesting initiatives,

and it's necessary simply to

wait a little bit and we'll learn

As if to counter a possible

Washington View

Leading article...

everything."

A booklet, Anatomy of an 'Accident', will be distributed during the new government drive, telling the fictionalized

Rugby preview.

story of a fatal accident in graphic detail and two television advertisements will be run during the next few weeks.

Yesterday at a south London police station, Mr Bottomley launched the campaign, accompanied by a demonstration of what can happen to a driver stopped by police, and indicating the "long humiliating process for 2,000 drivers each week". Mr Bottomley said the Gov-

tomley, the Minister for ernment had not ruled out Roads and Traffic. Club pro- powers for random breath-

STAGES OF **LUXURY CARIBBEAN HOLIDAYS AND CONCORDE FLIGHTS**

Traffic nightmare returns to haunt London London in the last two weeks. On but paralysed yesterday, the camera-

By Staff Reporters

The critical state of road traffic conditions in London was graphically illustrated again yesterday when a single incident was the catalyst which brought much of south-west London to a standstill for several hours.

Throughout most of Wandsworth, Battersea and Fulham traffic was reported to be locked solid. There was a tail-back of seven miles on the A3. and severe congestion on the South Circular Road. It gave every sign that a single incident, the effects of which were exacerbated by heavy pre-Christmas traffic, was in danger of creating the long predicted paralysis

of central London. It was the latest of the large-scale traffic jams which have struck central

November 24, after a students' demonstration at Westminster during the afternoon, four bridges across the Thames were closed and almost the

A consultative document and relieve poverty."

drawn and, if necessary, the on the wages councils appears

Government's training agency to be a prelude to their will step in and do the job. abolition after Mr Fowler said

Getting London moving. Letters...

whole of central London was brought close to a standstill, with traffic not returning to normal until midnight.

Last week there were nightly traffic jams at Shepherd's Bush, west London, mainly caused by sewer repair works, and drivers took up to three of four hours to get through. In addition to the specific causes in every case the situation has been made worse by heavy pre-Christmas traffic with people going to central London to shop and to see the festive lights.

Nevertheless, according to Insp Geoff Dudley, a senior officer in Scotland Yard's Central Communications complex, yesterday's incident, which led to tailbacks of up to eight miles, jams as far away as Sloane Square and ripple effects on roads throughout south and west London, only rated "four or five out of ten" on a scale of seriousness.

Surveying a battery of video screens monitoring vital sectors in London's traffic flow system through remote control cameras, he said only one accident at a single key junction like Hyde Park Corner could bring the whole of central London to a standstill. While south-west London was all

showed traffic at Hyde Park Corner unseasonally mobile.

There are no cameras at Wandsworth since it is not seen as a particular trouble spot. Control of yesterday's incident was judged easier to handle from Wandsworth, where police used a mobile control van and set up a special incident room.

Insp Dudley said: "Almost every day there is the possibility that the whole of Central London will come to a hall - not necessarily for one isolated incident but probably two or three small independent incidents at vital areas. I don't think anybody would disagree with the description of the situation as a knife edge.

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Hurd to rebuff European court

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, will tell MPs today that the UK is going to reject a European court ruling that terrorist suspects must be brought before a judge within four

He will insist that the Government believes that it is vital for the security forces in their fight against terrorism to be able to hold suspects for seven days for interrogation.

The Home Secretary will tell MPs during the second reading of the new Prevention of Terrorism Bill that the Government has yet to decide whether to seek a derogation from the ruling or find a compromise formula.

The Prime Minister met senior ministers, including Mr Hurd, yesterday to discuss the Government's response to the ruling that the UK's anti-terrorism laws breached the European Convention on Human Rights.

P&O faces £1m claim

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Ten seamen representing about 1,800 members of the National Union of Seamen launched a claim for £1 million from P&O Ferries in the High Court yesterday. Relatives of crew members who died in the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster are among those who stand to gain if the union wins the case, which dates back to a dispute three years ago. Members from 11 ships in the Townsend Thoresen fleet, now nwned by P&O, are suing for damages for breach of contracts of employment. P&O denies the claim. The hearing continues today.

Hinkley alternative

A consortium of 79 local authorities has proposed three sites from which to choose a location for a new large coal-fired power statinn instead of building a third nuclear plant, costing £1.5 billion, at Hinkley Point in Somerset. A list of sites at Hams Hall, in north Warwickshire, Uskmouth, near Newport, and Thorpe Marsh, near Doncaster, is contained in a report submitted to the Hinkley Point C public inquiry, which enters its tenth week when it resumes today.

Sea search called off

Hopes of finding two missing seamen alive after a British dredger sank in the North Sea off the Belgian coast faded last night when an air-sea search was called off. Six of the 10 crew were rescued and the bodies of two others were recovered sterday. Meanwhile, two fishermen who drowned off the Norfalk coast when their boat foundered were named yesterday as Alan Porter, aged 61, and Ronald Stephens, aged 31, both from Boston, Lincolnshire.

Coal wage talks eased

British Coal has offered the National Union of Mineworkers a chance to negotiate wage increases without joining the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers in discussinns. Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, is currently campaigning for an overtime ban in protest at British Coal's previous decision to link wage negotiations with acceptance of a conciliatinn procedure recognizing the UDM. Sir Robert Haslem, chairman of British Coal, now says wage discussions can proceed.

38 charges denied

Michael Stone, aged 33, of Ravenswood Park, east Belfast, who is accused of the Milltown cemetery killings last March, pleaded not guilty to 38 charges at Belfast Crown Court yesterday. His trial is due to begin early next year. The charges involve 11 incidents between November 1984 and March 17, 1988, the day of the attack on mourners during the funeral of the three IRA terrorists shut dead by the SAS in Gibraltar. The charges include six murders, six attempted murders, six woundings, two attempted woundings and three of conspiracy to murder.

ficials criticized over 'silent' epidemic

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The current health scare over contaminated eggs is part of a "silent" epi-demie that has been growing in Britain for several years.

Although only a few thousand people may have become ill from cating eggs during that time, the Department of Health is being criticized for an allegedly slow response to the potential threat.

The department issued its first public warning about the problem of salmonella enteritidis in eggs on August 26, when it advised consumers, food manufacturers and catering establishments not to use raw

It elaborated on that warning on November 21, when it continued to

Post Office

refuses to

in TV fees

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Post Office has refused to Office's annual appropriation

hand over more than £16 mil- accounts yesterday, Mr Bourn

lion of television licence fee condemned the Post Office's

revenue which it owes to the action. It was not illegal but it

zarre dispute with the Home that the £16 million had been

retained.

Exchequer because of a bi-

Office over collection costs.

The Home Office has in

turn withheld £11.4 millinn

which it owes to the Post

Office, Mr John Bourn, the

Comptroller and Auditor

Because of the dispute, un-

resolved after three years, Mr

Bourn has refused to endorse the Hume Office's annual

accounts. The dispute has

pitted the Home Office

against the Department of

Trade and Industry, which has taken the Post Office's side.

It has prompted the Hnme

Office, which believes it is

being overcharged, to ap-

proach banks and other finan-

cial institutions to see whether

they would be prepared to

issue licences, breaking the

Post Office's virtual mono-

poly. It is actively encouraging

the payment of licence fees by

"automated payment meth-

ods" used by 3 per cent of

General, said yesterday.

was "most unsatisfactory"

"In my view all revenue

collected should, in principle,

have been paid over promptly to the Consolidated Fund

The squabbling began in

1985 when government de-

partments became responsible for negotiating their own pay-

ments for Post Office services.

ued to issue about 19 million

television licences each year,

but the Home Office has so far

failed to agree a fee for the

It cannot extract from the

Post Office any information to

demonstrate that its proposed

charges - £53.3 milling in the

past two years - reflect the

true cost of providing an

the Post Office has sought to

overcharge by more than

£6 million over the three-year

The Home Office believes

efficient service.

The Post Office has contin-

without deduction."

American experts said yesterday. All cases had been associated with poor food handling. In the United States, eight people have died this year and ds of chickens have been destroyed. The bacteria, first noticed in New England about 10 years ago,

individual egg being infected is likely uncooked foods made from them.

gerous. An editorial in The Lancet on eptember 24 said: "The department has failed to grasp that salmonella enteritidis is contaminating the con-

The risk of catching salmonellosis spread down the Atlantic coast and is from an infected egg is still very low, making inroads into the South and the American experts said yesterday. All Mid-West. The American government will soon issue guidelines on how eggs should be produced and handled. It will also begin testing flocks and eggs' sent for pasteurization. Chickens in Britain are said to suffer from a more virulent strain of the bacteria.

> The organism survives normal light cooking." According to the journal, "a large nationwide outbreak has been continuing uncontrolled for about

Similar nutbreaks of infection in the United States have led its health authorities to recommend last April that for safety, eggs should be boiled for seven minutes, poached for five nr fried for three minutes on each side. However, on April 16, the department said there was "no reason for any new advice . . . beyond observing normal hygiene and ensuring eggs are thoroughly cooked". The American advice was first is-

sued here on Navember 18 by the Institution of Environmental Health Officers, in a circular to its chief officers.

The eggs scare coincides with evidence that Britain is having its worst year in living memory for cases of food poisoning, with about 30,000 people likely to have been affected.

The chief difficulties faced by health investigators are that it is usually difficult in confirm which food caused the illness.

With 30 million eggs consumed daily in Britain, the Department of Health says that the risks are in the order of a one in 200 million chance of cracking open a contaminated egg.

Egg sale slump worries farmers

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gured girl

By Rath Gledhill For Mr Juhn Dunne, aged 63, a poultry farmer for more than 30 years, the salmonella scare has caused the worst crisis yet in the industry.

He and his twin sons. John and Peter, produce 300,000 eggs a day at Dunton Poultry Farm near Basildon, Essex. He believes a number of smaller producers could go

tinue to fall. "It is the most serious thing that has ever happened to the industry and we think it is completely unjustified", he

out of business if sales con-

"People in the industry are angry and frightened - not about salmnnella, but about the loss of their livelihood. He said sales slumped at the end of last week. This week could be worse.

We are not belittling what has happened but we do not think there was a problem in the first place. We are absolutely sure that eggs are as safe as any other food. 1 am quite happy to drink a raw ege at any time to prove the

point. Mr Dunne has about 300,000 birds laying in cages at his farm. They are fed 114 grams of wheat, cereal, soya and protein with shells sprinkled on top each day.

Testers are employed to weed out dirty eggs, which are washed and sold as seconds for pasteurization. The rest are mechanically graded by weight before being delivered to Thames Valley Eggs, of Newbury, Berkshire, a large co-operative that is responsible for salmonella testing. Mr Dunne is the director.

"Our chicks are tested for salmonella before we even get them", he said. "Whatever people think of our methods on welfare grounds, the chances of spreading salmonella must be minimal compared with what it used to be when they were scratching around in their own dirt. "All we want is a fair

hearing. • Eggs have been taken nff the menu at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, one of Britain's biggest hospitals.

A spokeswoman said there had not been any cases of salmonella at the hospital, but the precaution was being taken until the local health

to be very small". It advised consumers to avoid eating raw eggs or two years". However, the department's critics say it has failed to emphasize that not only raw eggs are potentially dan-

tents of eggs and not just the shells.

Student leader attacks 'riot'



Miss Sigrid Fisher, president of Newcastle Polytechnic students' union, speaking yesterday

Students who forced the executive from the platform at the winter conference of the National Union of Students nn Sunday were condemned by Miss Maeve Sherlock, the mion president, yesterday Miss Sherlock said that the occupation of the stage in the Winter Gardens in Blackpool had been damaging to the reputation of the mion.

"The picture given to the outside world was that a riot occurred inside our own conference", she said. Reports that fighting had

as untrue, but the National Organization of Labour Students and the Socialist Workers' Students' Society and other "Trotskyist" groups were accused of being behind the demonstration, when 150 chanting students mounted the stage and forced the executive

> The conference of delegates from more than 820 institutions eventually passed a motion tabled by the union executive to support nonpayment of the charge and a cultural festival under the slogan "rock against the poll tax" in

licence holders. period and thus cross-subauthority decided otherwise. sidize its other customers. broken out on the stage have been dismissed Edinburgh on April 1. . SuperFrices.

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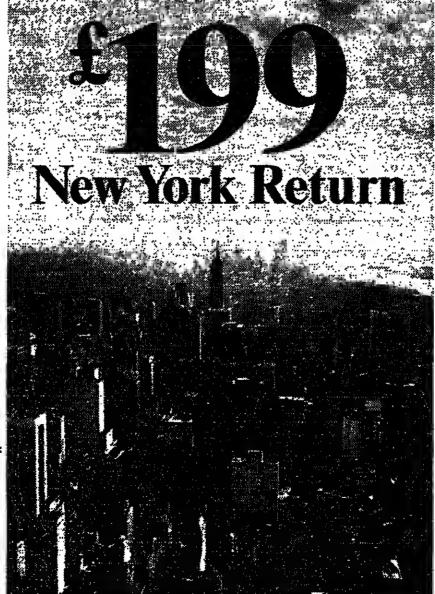
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Action over child victims

Cleveland doctors in sex abuse cases to be disciplined

disciplinary action against the two consultant paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland erly and expertly with child child sexual abuse crisis.

Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt have been told of the actions their employers intend to take and are consulting lawyers to de-

cide whether to appeal. Mr David Mellor, the Minister of State for Health, said yesterday that disciplinary measures against the consultants had been instigated.

He made the statement during a visit to open a 120-bed acute unit at the Middlesbrough General Hospital, where the child sexual abuse crisis began last year.

The disclosure came on a day when another central figure in the affair, Mr Michael Bishop, Cleveland's social services director, announced that he was to leave the authority to take np a similar post with Manchester City

Mr Mellor also confirmed, as reported in The Times yesterday, that he has received a report by the Social Services Inspectorate into the way Cleveland was handling cases of child sexual abuse in the

wake of last year's crisis.

Although the report, which is to be published tomorrow, is believed to recommend further improvements within the social services department, Mr Mellor said that he

Court was told yesterday.

ment was able to cope prop-

sexual abuse cases. He had ordered the inquiry last October after saying that he was "disturbed" at a decision by Cleveland County Council to take no disci-plinary action against its two senior officials criticized in

Bishop and his then child abuse consultant, Mrs Sue Richardson. He also wrote to the North-

the Butier-Sloss report, Mr

and Dr Wyatt. The authority has been considering the future of the two doctors since the poblication of the report by Lord Justice

They have both been assigned to posts where they no longer deal with child sexual abuse cases: Dr Higgs at a neonatal unit in Newcastle npon Tyne and Dr Wyatt at the Middlesbrough General Hos-

Mr Mellor said that he had discussed the issue with Sir Bernard Tomlinson, chairman of the regional health authority.

"Disciplinary proceedings have been set in train which carry with it certain legal requirements and the two doctors concerned are in the process of going through those services department having legal requirements. Because of new leadership.

The Northern Region Health what he had read. The main that the matter cannot be Authority has decided to take thing, he said, was to ensure further publicly aired but I am that in the future the depart- entirely satisfied with the actions the regional health anthority is taking."

Sir Bernard said that while there was no set limit on the time the doctors could take before deciding whether to appeal, the authority hoped to conclude the matter by the end of the year.

He would not disclose the action the authority intended to take.

"The doctors are in the process of exercising their legal rights. They have been offered ern Region Health Authority a deal by the regional health asking for a report on its authority and we are awaiting deliberations about Dr Higgs their decisions and other decisions of legal advice." Mr Bishop, who has been

Cleveland's social services director for six years, said last night that the move to Manchester was a career progression to a city with a bigger department and larger budget. He insisted that the events of the past two years had not affected his decision to move and that he had some feelings of sadness at leaving a good department

Mr Bishop, aged 47, said it was a logical time, both for professional and family reasons, to move now. He takes up the new job in March. Mr Mellor said that he

could see the advantage to Mr Bishop of taking on a new challenge and for Cleveland County Council in its social

Battle to save sea birds after spillage



registered oil tanker affected several miles of the west Wales coast. Treating the swans could take up to a year to complete.

By Mark Ellis

A massive clean-up continued under floodlights last night to rescue wildlife and to protect the beaches of the Pembrokeshire National Park in Wales after a supertanker spilt 100 tonnes of crude oil.

The captain of the Liberian-registered El Omar, which discharged its load at the Texaco refinery at Milford Haven, Dyfed, was served with a summons by the port authority warning him of possible prosecution.

A fault in the supertanker's sea valves, which control the 260,000-tonne vessel's ballasting, is believed to have caused the oil slick, which is expected to take a week to clean up and cost more than £100,000. A spokesman for the Milford Haven . hirds wintering offshore and if any

Port Authority said the ship was allowed to sail back to the Middle East after the spillage on Saturday once a summons had been served on the captain.

Texaco has taken responsibility for the operation, helped by other oil coinpanies, hut a spokesman said it would expect the ship's insurers to meet the

A floating boom was placed around the ship, but high winds blew oil into the estuary, spreading the pollution along the coast before some 50 tonnes of the spillage had been pumped ont.

Conservationists feared thousands of sea birds could be at risk as the oil spread into the open sea. Mr David Saunders, of the West Wales Trust for Nature Conservation said: "There are masses of

pollution spreads there it would be very bad news".

Several miles of beaches were seriously affected and among the first casualties were 10 swans with oildrenched feathers taken to New Quay Bird Hospital, Dyfed. Mr Alan Bryant, the oweer, said: "It is

probable they have also ingested oil, but we will do everything we can to save them. The poor swans look really miserable and bewildered. The fear is that they may just give up and die." He said their treatment could take as

long as a year to allow for their next growth of plumage. Hundreds of workmen from Preseli

and South Pembrokeshire councils were drafted in to help with the clean-up.

Doctor accused over baby: death

A three-month baby being treated for diarrhoea died after his doctor refused to visit him at home, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Dr Hemendra Pandya, a GP in Coventry, is accused of serious professional misconduct. Richard Wolstenholme, of Stoke Aldermoor, Coventry, died in hospital of dehydration on New Year's Day, 1987, the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee was told.

Dr Pandya visited the baby at home on a number of occasions in November 1986 after he began vomiting and going off his food. His condition continued to deteriorate, however, and his parents telephoned Dr

Pandya's surgery.
"They explained their con-cern and asked for a visit, but all that Dr Pandya did was to say he would issue a prescription", Miss Rosalind Foster,

for the GMC, said.

By December 23, the baby had not improved and again. the doctor was asked to visit. Again he said he would telephone through a prescription, Miss Foster said. On Christmas Eve, after Dr

Pandya again said he was too busy to visit, Mr Christopher Wolstenholme, aged 27, took his son to hospital where he died eight days later, the hearing was told.

In a letter of explanation read out to the council, Dr Pandya said he "certainly did not refuse to visit". He said the baby was "not scriously ill" when taken to hospital.

Mrs Christine Wolstenholme, aged 32, told the hearing: "Richard was healthy in his very early life. Then things began to go wrong about six weeks after his birth. He was always being sick and he had the runs."

Tortured girl 'held under water by stepfather' | Parents defy council on vote

aged 16 months was held was told the girl's hand had under bathwater for two minbeen almost skinned within a utes at a time by her stepfather week of her death after being as a punishment for not burnt probably with a cigaresting, the Central Criminal The mother, Christine Mas-

on, aged 22, and Mr Aston de-The girl's mother, who faces joint charges of murder and my charges of murdering Dorchild cruelty, said in a stateeen Mason at their council flat ment that Roy Aston, aged 24, at Walworth, south London, had forced her daughter to stand after she suffered a on September 13 last year. They also deny child cruelty.

In alleged statements to the police after the death, Miss broken leg and had tried to straighten it with his hands. Mason protested her inno-At other times, he had laid a Hoover vacumn cleaner on cence. She said she hid under the broken leg and had tied on blankets with her fingers in a splint made from a piece of her ears while Mr Aston the water, saying: "She can gedly forced her to stay up-wood, she said in a statement tortured the baby. In one stay under longer than I can". right by pushing his head into a splint made from a piece of her ears while Mr Aston

sadist. He admitted he enjoyed giving people pain. When he teased and hit the baby he used to have a smile on his face as if he enjoyed it." She allegedly said the beat-

ings started three to four died from a brain haemorr-hage. "He just said the baby her stomach and pumped water out of her mouth. aggravated him."

A battered and tortured girl to the police. Earlier, the court statement, Miss Mason alleg- She allegedly said in the her stomach while manipulaedly said: "I told him he was a statement: "He picked the baby out and her belly was bulging with water. If she had been an adult she would have looked three or four months pregnant. She looked doped up to me. She was swaying from side to side."

Miss Mason alleged that Mr Aston had then laid the girl on

On other occasions, he alle-The court was told Miss gedly stood the girl against a Mason said in a statement that wall to straighten her broken Mr Aston put Doreen in the leg, although she kept falling hath and held her head under onto her forehead. He alle-

ting the leg with his hands. She told the police she did nothing to stop the torture

because she was terrified of

Mr Mason, whom she be-

lieved would accuse her. Earlier, Dr Richard Shepherd, a pathologist, said a lighted match could not have caused the burn to the palm of the girl's left hand because of the gravity of the injury.

He said the girl died from a brain haemorrhage. Other severe injuries which were inflieted simoltaneously within 12 hours of her parents' dialling 999 for an ambulance. The trial continues today.

Parents at Andenshaw High School in Greater Manchester vesterday defied the wrath of Labour councillors and voted by more than nine to one in

authority control. Labour-controlled Tameside Borough Council, which sold off the school to a private firm in an attempt to frustrate the opting-out plan, was credited with increasing the majority in favour of opting out by its aggressive

In spite of its warnings that the school would be ostracized by other council-run institu- accused by ministers of educated at Eguious, 908 of the 1,166 parents mounting "a malicious cam- school in Denton.

ballots for opting out. There were 94 votes against. Mr Andrew Turner, direc-

tor of the Grant Maintained favour of opting out of local Schools Trust, the independent body set up to advise schools on opting out, said the result was "a tremendous result achieved in the face of unprecedented scare tactics".

The local branch of the National Union of Teachers and the local Labour MP, Mr Andrew Bennett, had joined the vocal campaign against opting out.

Last month the council was

eligible to vote cast their paign of disinformation". Mr Terry Hall, chairman of the governing body, said the school's future would now be

guaranteed if Mr Kenneth

Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, agreed to a parental take-over. Mr Roy Oldham, leader of Tameside council, said the authority would have to find alternative methods of removing 3,000 surplus places in

local schools. Parents began their campaign immediately they learnt of plans to close the building and merge pupils with those educated at Egerton Park

Action plan to halt 'greenhouse effect'

A comprehensive plan to avert the worst consequences of the "greenhouse effect" on the Earth's atmosphere is contained in a study by Britain's leading climatic research group, published today.

The report, prepared for Friends of the Earth by Miss Jacqueline Karas and Dr Michael Kelly, of the environmental sciences department at East Anglia University, calls for urgent action by European countries to halt the danger to agriculture, forests and coastal areas from changing world temperatures and rising sea levels. If unchecked, sea levels will rise by up to 1.65 metres over the next 40 years.

health service.

The White Paper, due out in

January, is expected to pro-

out of local health authority control and become self-

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vulnerable to flooding.

Opt-out proposals

likely for hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

At least six National Health expressed interest, including Service hospitals could be self Guy's and St Thomas' hos-

governing within the next two pitals, south London. It is years as a result of the Prime understood that four or five

Minister's review of the others in different parts of

pose that hospitals could opt involve sweeping legislative

soverning bodies within the time. They would be able to NHS. They would negotiate hire and fire staff and would

contracts with regional and be freed from having to stick

district health authorities or to national pay scales and job

general practitioners to pro- descriptions. Staff could be

and the Wash would be

England would be chosen on a

The scheme, which would

changes, would give hospitals

statutory status for the first

given performance-related

voluntary basis.

Improvements to sea defences alone are likely to cost larly coal in power stations. between £5 billion and £8 severe as sea levels rose.

The climate of southern Northern England and Scot-land would become warmer "greenhnuse gases" into the

In their report, The Heat Crops such as potatoes and Trap, the scientists say the needed to be done; it was up to sugar beet might benefit from main trouble is from a huge governments to act before it In Britain, the Thames, a rise in temperatures, but rise in carbon dioxide in the was too late.

after cosmetic surgery went

Mrs Margaret Lee, aged 43, of Beech Road, Westgate,

Kent, has been left scarred

after six operations to increase

the size of her breasts, the

Mrs Lee is suing Mr

Thomas Cochrane, a plastic surgeon, of Harley Street, central London, to whom she

paid £1,000 to put right

disfigurement after an oper-

court was told.

atmosphere.

trial revolution, caused by the hurning of fossil fuels, particu-

Other greenhouse gases coobillion. The Thames Barrier tributing to the problem are would need modifying to nitrous oxide from vehicles, withstand storm surges that methane from agriculture and would be more frequent and CFCs used in aerosols and

refrigerators. Friends of the Earth said England could become closer nuclear power was not the to that of south-west France. answer. The most effective, quickest and cheapest way of cutting carbon dioxide emissions from power stations was but not necessarily drier. sions from power stations was
The threatened disruption to carry out energy efficiency comes from the discharge of and conservation measures.

Mr Charles Secrett, FoE campaigns co-ordinator, said the report showed what

It is not alleged that Mr

Cochrane was negligent in

carrying oot the operation to

put her breasts right. Mrs Lee

says she was not warned of the

She went to see Mr

Mr Cochrane denies that he

failed to warn Mrs Lee of the

possible consequences and

The hearing, expected to

Cochrane as a private patient

in January 1982.

Woman sues over

breast operation

A woman told the High Court yesterday of her "terror" when she found her hreasts swelling went "dreadfully wrong".

ation by another surgeon in last four days, continues to-1967. Mr Michael Pearson, for day.

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Two hospitals have already pay, set at market rates. Cliff Richard in place for season's top record

By Andrew Billen Arts Correspondent

The heads of Britain's recording industry were vesterday expecting an easy win for Cliff Richard in an annual race that is worth sales of up to one million singles in three weeks and £3 million to the winner.

Mr Richard, a veteran at 48 with 100 hits in his 30-year career, came top of the Gallup/BBC charts with his Mistletoe and it ine, a placing that gives him pole position for the industry's biggest finan-cial prize of the year: the Christmas no 1. The Christmas single market is still

William Hill, the bookmaker, makes Cliff Richard's Mistletoe and Wine,

which was top of the BBC Gallup chart after just two weeks, 6-4 favourite.

Mr Richard's closest contender, Especially For You, by Kylie Minegue and her Neighbours co-star Jason Donovan, entered the chart on Sunday at number two having sold 350,000 copies.

Christmas, however, is no respecter of musical reputations, and hig names have in the past been cast into shadow by a noveity release.

Number ones during the past 30 Christmases have included St Winifred School Chou's There's No One Quite Like Grandma (1980), Benny Hill's Ernie – the Fastest Milkman in the West (1971), Rolf Harris's Two Little Boys (1969) and the Scaffold's Lily the Pink

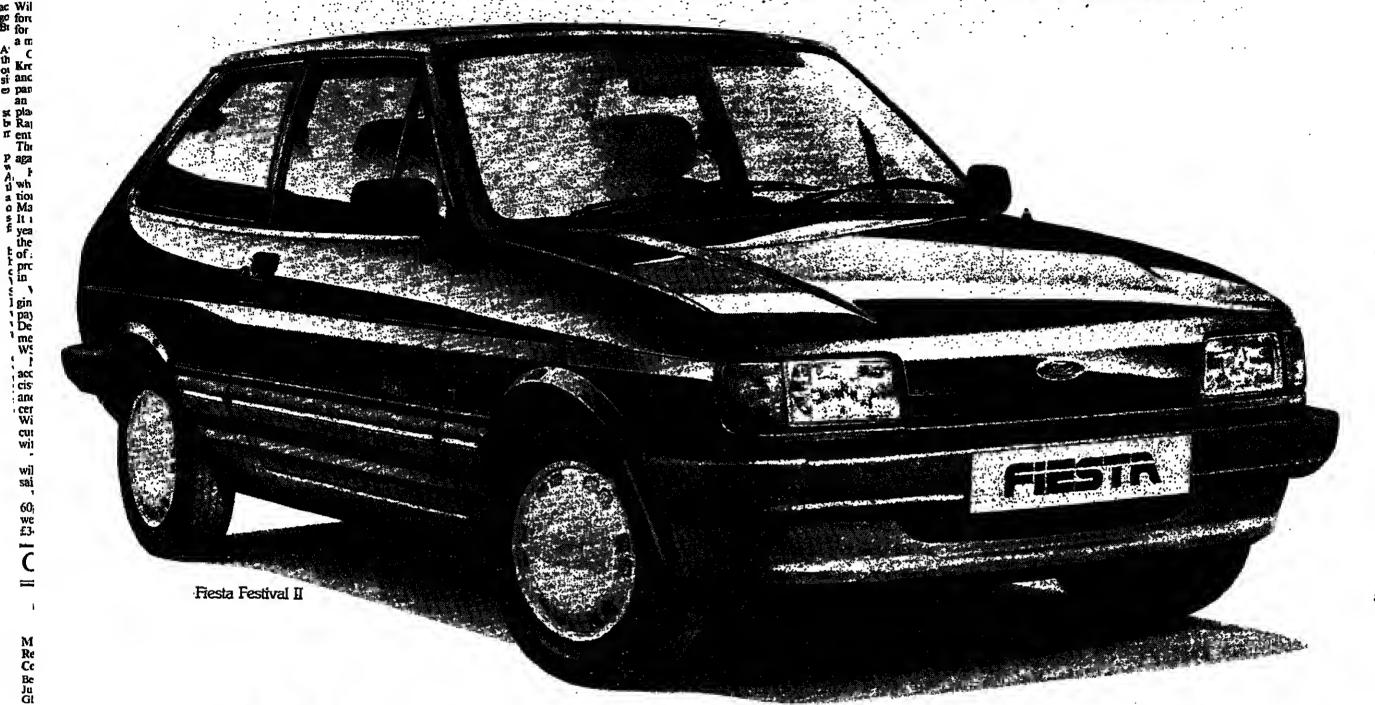
(1968). This year the most obvious follower in that tradition is John Kettley is a Weather Man (which continues: "and so is Michael Fish") by A Tribe of Toffs

Other novelty records include Dame Edna Everage's version of the Neighbours theme (20-I. William Hill says), Glory Be, a hymn sung to the East Enders theme (25-I), and Minnie the Moocher by the Reggae Philharmonic (50-1).

The milikeliest entrant of all, however, is that of a pig called DJ Trotter whose handler noticed her musical grunts and released a number called Hot to the Trott. "All animal records are given odds of 50-1," the man from William Hill said

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accept the need for market

balance", Mr Gourlay said.

"But I believe some extension

of supply management is inevitable."

Ways must be found to rev-

erse the downward trend in

farm incomes caused by farm-

gate prices lagging behind inflation in purchased goods

The Ministry of Agriculture immediately rejected the idea

of extending production quo-

Baroness Trumpington,

parliamentary secretary at the

ministry, said quotas re-

moved opportunities for

expansion and kept prices unnecessarily high. "I cannot

think of an approach less in line with the Government's

best assured not by sheltering them from market realities

but by encouraging farmers to use their business skills. The Government recognizes the

problems that higher interest rates can cause. But in our

sophisticated economy they

are the right response to

inflationary pressures."

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"Farmers' incomes will be

open market policies.

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tas yesterday.

abysmally in its primary duty jobs. to control inflation, Mr Simon Gourlay, president of the National Farmers' Union, said

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and it was still rising, he said. It also had the second-highest interest rates, which were likely to rise still further.

High interest rates meant High interest rates meant public expenditure on agri-high values for sterling, which culture must be controlled. in turn heaped burdens oo primary industries such as changes to the EEC's Comagriculture, he said at the Royal Smithfield Show in

"Every percentage point into at least six percentage perous farming industry, and poiots of the industry's already abysmally lnw net in-come, Mr Gourlay said. The combinatino of high inflation, high interest and an

In real terms, he said, farm incomes would reach their lowest level this year since the

The Government has failed cent, a loss of 20,000 rural unregulated market place, "I

The Government's suggestion that farmers should look for other sources of income was tantamount to saying that Britain had the third-high-est inflation rate in the EEC sidize farming. The basic business of farmers was to produce food, and that must be made profitable.

> The NFU accepted that and that that would involve mon Agricultural Policy. But the present mechanisms were not an efficient method of ry percentage point controlling production, were base rates translates incompatible with a proswere in conflict with public demands for a "greener"

countryside. Mr Gourlay said the NFU was talking to farmers' leaders nver-strong pound imposes a in France and West Germany about extending compulsory restrictions on production, similar to the milk quota

Together, the three coun-The industry was moving tries were responsible for twodeep into recession, and in the thirds of the Community's past three years had cut its output, and their farmers fulltime labour force by 17 per could not survive in a totally

Degree for an entrepreneur | Ormond Street



Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, after receiving an honorary degree yesterday in Guildhall, London, from City University Business School. Mr Sugar, who received his degree from Professor Andrew Chambers, the dean, has been closely involved with the business school, including establishing the Amstrad Research Scholarship.

hospital fund reaches £30ni

the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, central appeal for a hospital in 10 all the main buildings.

Organizers of the Wishing Well Appeal Fuod, launched 14 months ago to pay for the hospital's redevelopment, believe they will reach the final target of £42 million well ahead of schedule.

The announcement came yesterday at the unveiling of the Peter Pan mural, painted by Edmund Caswell, on one of from £30 million to £42 the hopital's 72ft by 8ft walls. million last July.

The speed with which the appeal target was reached has surprised other children's hospitals. Some feel that the of Wales. Other members of campaign detracted from their

However, Miss Marioo Allford, director of the appeal committee, denied that the organizers have adopted aggressive marketing techniques or adversely affected other hospitals campaigns.

places with other children's hospitals because we are most concerned with nur relatioo- while the clocked chir ship with them and we have ooon.

An appeal has raised £30 done nothing to advertise in million in just over a year for those areas", she said.

The redevelopment plan centres on a five-storey block London. It is believed in be to be built at the heart of the the most successful single hospital, which will be linked

The back of the Victorian block and the old outpatients' huilding will be demnlished.

The Government has increased its financial commitment to the building scheme from £20 million to £30 million to help to counter the rise in building costs caused by inflation. The Wishing Well fund increased its target

The appeal has received strong support from its patrons, the Prince and Princess the Royal Family have helped hy donating their teddy bears to an exhibitioo to raise funds.

Michael Jackson, the singer, docated £120,000 after a concert tour last July. A Worksop grocer raised £1,000 by siring in a bath of baked beans and spaghetti for five hnurs. Se: 15-"We have purposely not set tian Coe and Sleve Cram ne up reginnal committees in athletes, raised £52,000 by ing round the Great Cnu-Trinity College, Cambri

Dean rejects call on Mappa sale

By Craig Seton and Sheila Gunn

The Dean and Chapter of of the National Heritage Me-Hereford Cathedral yesterday morial Fund, appealed to the unanimously rejected calls to dean to withdraw the map withdraw the Mappa Mundi from sale while proposals were from auctinn and said the sale would go ahead unless and until £7 million or its equiva- dral. But the dean said yes-

for the Arts, remained con- all ways of saving the Mappa fident last night that the map Mundi would be kept in Britain and Commons over his refusal to

The Very Rev Peter Haynes, the dean, denied that the sale in spite of mounting backed up by a realistic public opposition was an at-amount in writing."

the auction of the medieval auction. map of the world at Sotheby's

Lord Charteris, the chairman country", he said.

negotiated about possible financial help for the cathelent was guaranteed towards terday: "We continue to be the cathedral's finances. highly responsive to some of Mr Richard Luce, Minister the proposals and to explore

"But until the position is brushed aside criticism in the resolved we have nn plans to revoke the proposed sale. I would like to be able to call off the sale tomorrow or even in half an hour's time. We are the decision to press on with open to any offer which can be

tempt to "blackmail" British . It is believed that Mr Luce heritage bodies into helping has not ruled out a personal the cathedral out of its finan- intervention if all other attempts fail. He told MPs he At a press conference after a hoped a solution could be three-hour meeting of the found which would lead to the dean and chapter, he said that. withdrawal of the map from

"Preserving it in this counnext June was "by no means try is important and all parties inevitable". must work to that end. I have The meeting came after no shadow of doubt that it is discussions last week when important to preserve it in this

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Masquerade Hare fetches £31,900

It took hard eash rather than ingenuity for an anonymous buyer in become the new nwner of Kit Williams's "Masquerade Hare" at Sothehy's Londoo yesterday.

The gold pendant which was buried by Mr Williams io August 1979, and subsequently became an obsession for thousands of treasure seekers scouring his book Masquerade for clues, fetched five times its estimate, at £31,900. Mr Williams admitted early defeat in the bidding.

Fashinoed io 18 carat gold, the hare had been sent for sale on behalf of the man whn found it in 1982, Dugald Thompson, from Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire. He launched. Haresoft, a computer software company with a game hunting the jewelled hare. But the goldeo hare was sold yesterday nn behalf nf Peat Marwick, Haresoft's liquidators, to an anonymous buyer.

Stylish furniture from the estate of Henry Ford 11. grandson of the fnunder of the Ford Mntnr Company whn died earlier this year, was in great demand at his English

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland

Art Market Correspondent

cnuotry hnme, Turville Grange, Henley.

A Bessarabian carpet decorated with ivory and pale indigo medallions quadrupled its estimate at £82,500, selling anooymously, while a Ziegler carpet decorated with leaves, palmettes and flowerheads sold for £31,900 (estimate £6,000). "It is a typical house sale - everyone wants to go home with something", a spokesman said. The sale totalled £1 millinn.

The perfect, if bizarre apres ski drinks cabinet - its legs stylized skis - fetched top price at Sotheby's Monaco "Decorative Arts" sale nn Sunday, selling for FF1.7 mil-lion (£152,797) or three times

A 1964 Facel Vega two-door coupe bought as new by Ringo Starr to 1964, fetched £42,350 at Sotheby's London (estimate £30,000).

Action call to end staff crisis in JPs' courts

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

last night to tackle the worsening crisis of staffing in the

magistrates' courts service. There are now more than 135 vacancies for court clerks nationally and, in October alone, a minimum of 130 courtroom sittings were cancelled throughout England

and Wales. Mr Neil McKittrick, chairman of the professional purposes committee of the Justices' Clerks' Society, said to magistrates in Banbury. Oxfordshire: "The shortage of court clerks in magistrates courts is growing worse by the

month. clerks are leaving in pursue names cleared. It is as serious careers with the Crown as that."

The Government was urged Prosecution Service and in private practice.

"Much better salaries and improved career prospects are the prime motives."

He called on the Government to set up a full-scale review into the financing and structure of the magistrates' courts' service and to take urgent steps to alleviate the

"Fewer court clerks means fewer courts and that means delays to cases", he said. "In humao terms it may mean that witnesses may forget vital evidence, victims of crime may not be compensated and innocent have to wait "Many experienced court much longer to have their LOVE IT!

Proposed changes in science teaching could work against women and are unlikely to increase the number of science and engineering graduates in Britain's universities; Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Educatioo and Science, was told vesterday.

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The Science Working Group reported that science teaching for pupils between 5 and 16 should take 20 per cent of curriculum time but Mr Baker asked it to consider cutting the time for those aged 14 to 16 to 12.5 per cent.

In its final recommendations to Mr Baker, published yesterday, the National Curriculum Council (NCC) proposes the introduction of two levels of science teaching, a short course with a single certificate and a long course with a double award.

The report comments: "Curriculum choice between single/double award science at 14 plus is unlikely to increase the oumber of students studying science at A level and studying science and

engineering subjects at university". Mr Duncan Graham, NCC chairman, says most of those consulted were against the cutback, particularly as it could stop girls becoming scientists, but it was felt there was a case for a single science programme. The council is concerned that the shorter science course may deter girls from taking up science and that those pupils who then want to go on to A levels will have to take a "short intensive

supplementary course". The report adds: "The problem lies in studeot choice. A student who has followed a single award science course from the age of 14 is less likely to consider a science-based career and science study post-16. A sizeable proportion of these single award pupils are

likely to be girls." Research has shown that, given the choice, girls are more likely than boys to opt for a short science course and, therefore, are less likely to become qualified for a career in science.

Mr Graham said yesterday: "There is evidence that the 20 per cent course of science is proving attractive to girls and a move to 12.5 per cent could reverse the trend. Our strong feeling is for the long course but we do face the problem of etting a quart into a pint pot in the 14-

"There are conflicting interests and we might limit options elsewhere if a sizeable part of the curriculum was given over to science."

Despite the practical difficulties, Mr. Graham and the NCC - set up to oversee the national curriculum introduced by the Education Reform Act believe that as many children as possible should undertake the 20 per cent course leading to two certificates in the exploration of science and the knowledge and understanding of science.

Mr Graham says in a letter to Mr Baker. "You should encourage the majority of pupils to take the full course of 17 attainment targets".

The recommendations are being considered by Mr Baker, who must issue statutory orders before the curriculum enters the school. If he objects to any of the proposals he will have to make his reasons public but Department of Edu-cation officials indicated last night that he was unlikely to raise any objections. Among targets set for pupils in the

NCC report are: Children of five to seven to be encouraged to develop their investigative skills and understanding of science by solving problems set within their everyday experience; to learn about themselves and the natural world.

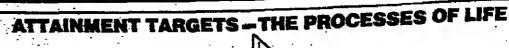
At seven to five they should promote the fostering and answering of questions; understand safety and care and use an increasingly systematic approach in their learning; to investigate two different localities; undertake field work; learn about food, health and the basic working

of the human body.

At 11 to 14 children should be able to communicate, apply and investigate-scientific and technological knowledge and ideas; to develop their investigative skills and understanding of science through systematic experimentation

At 14 to 16 they should be given further opportunities to develop their skills of reporting and recording; to articulate their own ideas; work independentity or contribute to group work; develop research skills; and to develop their awareness of the importance of

The National Curriculum Council Con-sultation Reports on Science and Mathematics (NCC, Newcombe House, 45 Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3JB, or 15-17 New Street, York, YO1 2RA; both free).





Finding out about themselves - how they grow, feed, move and use their senses. Using suitable books, pictures and charts, give them ideas about how

to keep healthy through exercise and personal safety; and about the use of drugs as medicine



Exploring and investigating sensitivity, coordination and response.. relating behaviour to survival and reproduction in plants and animals. Opportunities to

consider examples of technologies used to promote, improve and sustain the quality of life. The effects of drugs on the body

'Calculators only' view is toned down

By Our Education Editor

The National Carriculum Council has been persuaded by Mr Kenneth Baker that schools should teach long division and multiplication by pencil and paper instead of relying solely on calculators.

In their original report the mathematics working party chaired by Mr Duncan Graham, council chairman, said: "There is no moral gain derived from tackling 1,000 calators exist".

The Secretary of State for Education said he thought children should know how answers were reached and the council has gone some way towards meeting his objections. It says that "pupils should be able to use mental, pencil-and-paper methods and calculators as appropriate and should be able to carry out the operations of multiplication and division using two and

and paper methods". Mr Graham was launching the council's consultation re-

port on mathematics, which Baker. The two main aims of the mathematics curriculum will be to focus on the pupils'

capacity to use and apply the mathematics they are learning to practical tasks, and their capacity to use mathematics with which they are familiar in

three digit numbers by pencil tackling theoretical or "real-Examples of what children should be able to do included: At five to seven years:

predict whether the conte a tall cylinder will fill a cylinder of a different base. • Seven to 11: organize a rota (with timings) for school lunches to avoid quenting.

• Eleven to 14: design a container to hold a litre of milk. and set out instructions for

WHITE PAPER ON TRAINING

Employers asked to take on bigger share of skills cost

By Roland Rudd **Employment Affairs Reporter**

The Government yesterday announced the most radical reform of Britain's training system in more than 20 years in a White Paper entitled Employment for

Employers are to take over a greater share of the responsibility and the cost of training, which will be decentralized. The Government believes that skill needs can be best identified and met at a local level. The White Paper identifies the lack of skills as the most significant barrier to job growth in the 1990s.

Last week the Government's Employment Bill established the new training framework by formally abolishing the training and enterprise councils to plan

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tripartite Training Commission and transferred all its rights directly to the Department of Employment.

Yesterday's White Paper outlines the nuts and bolts of how the training will

There is no new national advisory board for national representatives of trade unions. The White Paper says: The Government believes that a local, employer-led training system provides the best model for the future".

The White Paper sets out a number of key training objectives to be met over the next three years. The most significant is its proposal to invite local employer-led groups to establish a national network of

and deliver training and to promote the development of small businesses at local

Much of the department's £3 billion training budget will be dispersed to the councils, although private enterprise will still be expected to meet much of the cost of training, not only for its own employees, but for those of its competitors as well.

That is the most ambitious part of the plan and yesterday it became clear that not all of Britain's leading industrialists. think it will work as smoothly as the Government believes. The proposal was attacked directly by both wings of the

assist the Secretary of State to develop the new local training arrangements. Its main aim will be to promote greater investment by employers in the skills of the workforce. The chairman of the Task Force will be Mr Brian Wolfson, the former chairman of the Training Commission.

Mr Wolfson will be anxious to see employers train the elderly, long-term memployed and ethnic minorities and women returning to the labour market to meet the challenges of the 1990s when. the so-called demographic time bomb will mean that the supply of school leavers will be reduced sharply by 25 per

A National Training Task Force will The Government will also launch the

"Business Growth through Training Programme" to help companies to develop a training strategy to meet their business objectives.

The remaining statutory industrial training boards and organizations, which represent employers in their sectors, are to be removed from the public sector into the private sector.

The Government is to draw up an agreed programme and timetable for the boards to become independent non-

statutory bodies: Other steps announced in the White Paper include examining the operation of the pre-entry closed shop which is expected to be abolished in the lifetime

of this Parliament.

The publication of a consultation document inviting views on the future of the Wages Council system is also understood to be a preinde to the abolition of the councils. The Government believes they inflate wages artificially at the bottom of the labour market, so restricting new jobs.

Continuing government efforts will be made in the new year to ensure that unemployment benefits are available only to those genuinely seeking work. It is understood that Mr Fowler has commissioned reports into unemployment in Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton.

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Focus is on meeting local business needs

The Government intends to build on the existing involvement and commitment of number of training objectives gramme for unemployed business by inviting local to be met over the next three groups led by employers to years. Its priorities TS form training and enterprise councils (TECs). That is the key of the White Paper.

TECs will examine the local State in 'developing local labour market, assessing skill needs, prospects for expanded job growth and the adequacy of a visit and the adequacy of existing training of training and enterprise

A plan for securing quality training and enterprise devclopment that meets both government guarantees and community needs will be produced to help the councils stanage training programmes for young people, for unemployed people and for adults requiring retraining.

The councils will be responsible for the development and provision of training for small

TECs will also work in cooperation with the private sector, harnessing the considerable resources that are being

applied to encourage and sup-port small business enter-prises through local agencies. They will be responsible for promoting and directing more private-sector investment in training, vocational education and enterprise activities designed to strengthen the local skill base. TECs will become an im-

portant local forum and agent for change, building relation-ships between interest groups, and investing public and private resources to enhance the economic vitality of the community.

The Welsh Office will consider how best to integrate the training responsibilities of TECs in Wales with the enterprise activities under-taken by the Welsh Dev-elopment Agency and Mid Wales Development and by the department itself.

At least two thirds of TEC members should be employers at top management level, drawn from the private sector. Others oo the councils will include senior figures from local education, training and economie development activities and from voluntary bodies and trade unions.

TECs will subcontract training and enterprise activities to Skills Training Agency local providers in the same way as Training Agency area offices oow contract with training managers and manag-ing agents. TECs are expected to evolve gradually over three to four years, with the first councils established before the Training and ent

• A national training task force to assist the Secretary of

corpcils. • The launch of the business growth through training

programme.

Statutory industrial training boards and organizations representing employers to be-come independent, non-statu-tory bodies.

The Training Agency
At national level, the main authority concerned with training promotion and development will be the Government's Training Agency ment's Training Agency.

The agency will continue to operate as did its predecessor, the Training Commission, working with employers, the education service, voluntary organizations, training providers and trade unions to improve the training system. In addition, it will also take on some of the small firms and enterprise functions of the Department of Employment. National Training Task Force

The task force will assist in the establishment and development of the new training and enterprise councils. It will have up to 12 members, two thirds of whom will be drawn from industry

and commerce. Its chairman will be Mr Brian Wolfson. Other appointments will be announced soon. Indestrial Training Boards The seven remaining training boards are to put forward proposals for moving as

quickly as possible to become independent, non-statutory training organizations, fully supported by employers in their sectors. Such organizations would not have the power to impose levies by statute, but will be free to generate income from

subscriptions and charges for services or products, as sev-eral boards have successfully The Government is taking professional advice on the feasibility of moving the Skills

Training and enterprise councils will be responsible

Training Agency.

The Youth Training Scheme was introduced in 1983 and has trained more than two million young people. In September 1988, 435,000 had places on YTS

The latest figures show that
74 per cent of young people
leaving YTS go into jobs, or take up further education or training. The number of trainees secoring recognized qualifications is rising each

However, the Government has decided that the changing circumstances of the youth labour market require the precise scope and role of YTS to be kept under review. It will put more emphasis oo qualifi-cations, and will expect employers to assume a fuller share of the costs.

Business Growth through Training

The Government, through the Training Agency, is plan-ning the introduction from next spring of a £1.4 billion programme, Business Growth through Training, that will coordinate the help available to companies. A number of related services and other support schemes will be available

within this new initiative. They include help to people who are self-employed or own their own firms, in order to stimulate the provision of relevant, flexible and accessible training for busy ownermanagers; help to small businesses to plan and implement the training and development of their employees and targeted help to industrial training organizations.

Technical and Vocational **Education Initiative** TVEI will continue to prepare young people for working life by making what they learn at school, and the way in which they learn it, more relevant to the world of work. Every education authority in Britaio is now involved in

TVEL. By the early 1990s, all young people aged 14 to 18 in fulltime education will have

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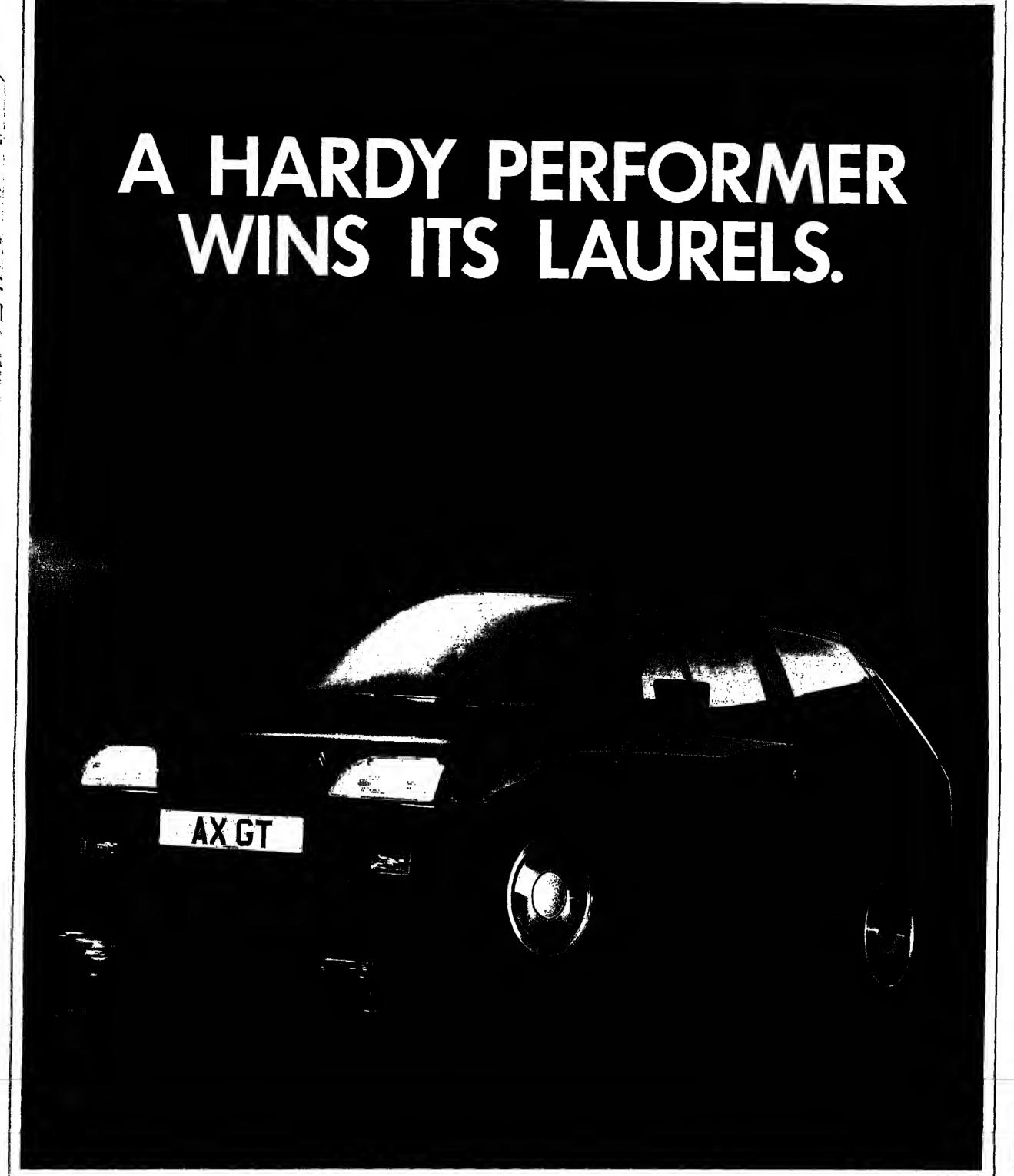
Education Programme The Government will press ahead with this programme io England and Wales. It pro-vides incentives and help to the public sector to respood more rapidly to the changing needs of employers. ds on mall

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Currie statement on egg danger sharply criticized

Mrs Edwina Currie's remark at the weekend that most of Britain's egg production is affected by salmonella was severely criticized by MPs on all sides of the Commons after a statement by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Sec-retary of State for Health.

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His Labour opposite number. Mr Robin Cook, said that sioce his Under Secretary's embarrassment quotient clearly ex-ceeded her entertainment value. it was about time that Mr Clarke removed such a big obstacle to taking his department seriously.

In his statement, Mr Clarke said that his department had issued guidance on August 26 and November 21 about salmonella and eggs.

He had been edvised by the Government's Chief Medical Officer that up to the end of October there had been 46 reported outbreaks of salmonella tood poisoning in England and Wales, involving about eleven cases in which the most likely source of infection was uncooked or partly cooked eggs.

Recent studies indicated that some sporadic cases of salmoo-ellosis had also been caused by eggs. It was likely that these figures underestimated the total

The Chief Medical Officer was today repeating bis advice to the public oot to eat raw eggs or uncooked foods made from caterers to use pasteurized eggs in place of uncooked eggs.

Among the 46 outbreaks, some were associated with the consumption of lightly cooked eggs or foods containing them, Although the risk of harm to any healthy individual from consuming a single egg is small, it is advisable for vulnerable people, such as the elderly, the sick, babies and pregnant women, to consume only eggs cooked until the white and the yolk are solid."

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Football pledge

Mr Robert Hicks (Cornwall South East, C) asked for an assurance that the next time he and Mr Clarke attended a football match together they would have their customery lunch of beer, cigars and n couple of scotch eggs - none of which Mrs Carrie seemed to

Mr Clarke: I will continue to consume the same things I customarily eat at a football match. They would alarm a number of my friends, but I intend to persist.

salmonella infection in poultry breeding flocks.

It should be remembered that 30 million eggs were eaten every day, and the risk of any individ-ual's becoming ill was small. Nevertheless, there were grounds for concern and my department, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the poultry industry were "working closely together to tackle it".

Sir Hal Miller (Bromsgrove,) asked Mr Clarke to reconfirm that the 46 outbreaks related to a consumption this year of nine

"Does he realize the consternation and anger caused by Mrs. Currie's rather rash statement? "There are signs in Bir-mingham Market today advert-

ising 'Dutch eggs — salmonella free' (laughter). At the pub where I stopped for breakfast in the Cotswolds the landlady over-cooked the eggs because of the salmonella scare. It is time that something was done to put an end to this uncertainty."

Mr Clarke: We must keep this proportion (laughter). There is some genuine concero in this country and abroad about the increased incidence of salmooella from eggs.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was publishing today details of a voluntary code to reduce the risk of The risk to any healthy adult

This is an international problem. So anyone advertising that overseas eggs are somehow any afer than ours is plainly wrong. He said that he had noticed that Mrs Currie had aready drawn attention to this problem at the weekend.

"The House should reflect that Mrs Currie was indeed talking about a serious matter on which my department has aiready issued public health advice twice this autumn, and her words have served to draw further attention to the problem and, I trust, warned those who are vulnerable to infection it they eat raw or uncooked eggs.

Mr Clarke added amid laughter: Nevertheless, I am going to carry on eating eggs. I am sure Sir Hal will carry on eating eggs.
The Chief Medical Officer told that be had an egg sandwich for lunch.

Mr Cook reminded Mr Clarke that the department's guidance on November 21 said that the risk to any individual was likely

How did he square that with Mrs Currie's claim that most of the egg production in this country was now infected? Was Mr Clarke content to preside over a department which issued two sets of totally contradictory advice in two weeks?

Was not the lesson that this Government would let Mrs Currie insult pensioners and caricature northerners, but stubbing the toes of the National Farmers' Union was going too

Mr Clarke said that his department had been consistent in its assessment of the risk of salmonella.

"Mrs Currie is in my view an extremely valuable member of the team in this department and io the Government. It may be that there are many members io this House who are a little envious of ber natural gift for obtaining publicity."

Mr Richard Livsey (Brecoo and Radnor, Dem) said that Mrs Currie's statement had created a tremendous loss of confidence in the egg industry.



Mr Michael Pettman, the Social Democrat candidate in the Epping by-election, in discussion with voters yesterday.

Minister hopes Mappa Mundi can be withdrawn from sale

A hope that a solution could be found to the Mappa Muodi problem which would lead to its withdrawal from sale was expressed by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts. during question time.

Opposition MPs, however, were concerned at his emphasizing the need for market forces to be preserved.

Mr Simon Hughes, SLD spokesman on education, had asked the minister to ensure that the Mappa Mundi was retained by the cathedral for public display in Hereford. Mr Luce replied that he was keeping in

close touch with developments and, in particular, noted that Hereford City Council had taken a positive approach to the problem of the potential sale. Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, chairman of

the all-party beritage committee, had had an informal meeting with the Dean of Hereford; Lord Charteris, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund; Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's and Mr Colin Shepherd, MP for Hereford, who was alleging a constructive relations. playing a constructive role.

He understood that the dean and chapter had met that day to consider the situation

constructive solution could be found.

Mr Hughes asked for confirmation that the dean and chapter had now said that until the matter was resolved they had no plans to review their decision to sell.

"In that event, what is required from the minister is a clear announcement today that the Government support the retention of the Mappa Mundi in Hereford Cathedral. Will he work with the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the British Library to be sure that monies are forthcoming and that no stone is left unturned to ensure that it returns to where it was created and belongs, and that it is not sold off to bidders offering the bighest

Mr Luce said that he did not know precisely what had been discussed today. The chairman of the beritage fund, who had taxpayers' money at his disposal, had indicated that he would be prepared to take a role in this.

Experience had shown that where an object deserved retention, the most sensible basis for a solution was an effective

The Government's objectives for Northern Ireland were

shared by most people there who wished for nothing more than an end to violence, for a

better chance and for a better

and safer life for themselves and their families, Mr Tom King,

Secretary of State for Northern

Moving the second reading of the Elected Authorities (North-

ern Ireland) Bill, Mr King said

that the measure had to be seen in the context of the Govern-ment's aims for the province.

The Bill provides that anyone

standing for election in North-em Ireland had to declare that

he or she did not support violence or banned organi-

He said that the Government

wanted to have fairness and justice for Ulster people and to ensure an effective response to the evil of terrorism, better protection for the rights of the

community and respect for the rights of individuals.

The Government desired,

Ireland, told the Commons.

Bill will demand declaration

against Ulster terrorism

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attention to such issues as

economic development and

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It took pride in the confidence

of the many companies in Northern Ireland that had much

increased investment in the past

year, so further improving the

It was pleased to see com-

panies coming from overseas. It was determined to maintain

industrial development and

want at the same time to ensure

that they are free from any

discrimination in their distribu-tion and that we fairly give these

opportunities across communities, regardless of religion or opinion."

The measure before the

House dealt with people's in-terests and concerns on matters

where terrorism and support for violence posed a challenge to

democracy and society.

"We want more jobs and we

investment in the province.

employment prospects.

unemployment.

Mr Colin Shepberd (Hereford, C) asked whether the minister would agree to meet the dean and chapter if they sought a meeting and Mr Luce said that he would.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) said that he had spoken to Lord Charteris and to the Hereford chapter clerk and everyone concerned was desperately anxious to see a solution which left the map at Hereford, but also did something about cathedral's problems.

Mr Luce: I must leave it to the judgement of Lord Charteris (Opposition protests). Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman for the arts, said that if the minister failed to

espond, the House would have to believe that the Government was introducing market forces to that area of policy. Mr Luce: I cannot see how he makes that

assumption from my remarks about the Mappa Mundi and us importance. I hope that a solution can be found that will lead to withdrawal of the map from auction. Preserving it in this country is important and all parties must work to that end.

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'Resign' call over speech

A Labour MP called on Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, to do the bonourable thing and resign after the minister's reportedly critical speech of the Chancellor's interest rate

Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab) said that Mr Walker was said to have referred to the Chancellor as incompetent in his speech at the weekend to the Carlton Club, "If he is to represent the true interests of the people of Weles, does he think he has any honourable course of action other than to

Mr Walker doubted whether Mr Davies would ever gain admission to the Carlton Club (Conservative laughter). The version of his speech which was in The Observer was "totally the invention" of The Observer.

'Criminals' condemned

The criminal and stupid activities of those protesting against second homes in Wales did immense damage to the good name of the principality, Mr Ian Grist, Under Secretary, Welsh Office, said at questions. They harmed the cause they claimed to support.

He was replying to a request by Mr Dafydd Thomas (Meironnydd Nant Con-wy, Pl C) to join condemna-tion of all forms of violent action on the housing issue.

British share in world trade

Britain's share of total world trade io manufactures in 1988 was expected to be a little over 6 per cent, Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, said in a written answer. Britain's receipts from world invisible earnings was second only to the United States'.

Sewage rules on the way

Statutory regulations to control the spread of sewage sludge on agricultural land will be introduced next year, Mr Donald Thompson, Parliameotary Secretary, Min-istry of Agriculture, said in a written answer. It will be backed by a code of prac-

TV advert on smoke alarms

A television advertising campaign to encourage the public to install smoke darms at home will start on Boxing Day, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written answer.

M4 progress

Mr Wyn Roberts, Minister of State for Wales, said during questions that work on the remaining section of the M4 between Baglan and Lonias near Swansea was expected to start next year. The contract would probably be let in sections.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Ques-tions: Employment, Prime Minister. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, second Lords (2.30): Children Bill.

too, better job prospects, better housing and education, proper health care, improved commu-nity relations and tolerance. ination were granted, the person would be disqualified from councils and the Northern Ire-The Government had taken second reading. The Government paid great steps on law and order to ensure **Training White Paper**

Lack of skills 'the big obstacle'

with the fall in the number of young people joining the workforce during the next decade, the greatest obstacle to employment growth was likely to be the lack of skills, Mr. Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, told MPs.

In n statement outlining his White Paper proposals for training, he said that employers ing, he said that employed would have to look increasingly to women, themployed people and older workers. Employers had to undertake a huge retraining effort if the economy was to have the skilled workers it

The White Paper described a radically new training frame-work. International competition was fierce and the old methods of training had not been successful. "For the 1990s, success in training is the best guarantee of jobs and continued growth." Mr Michael Meacher, chief

Opposition spokesman on em-ployment, said that the Opposition fully accepted that an important training initiative was needed urgently. The CBI was now reporting

that a huge and growing skills gap was limiting output in one third of companies, constraining investment is nearly one half and more than two out of five companies expected it to get

Yet Mr Fowler was proposing that employers, who had shown little or no foresight or will in meeting their training needs,

should be the very people to be put into the driving seat.

Employers, who had persistently refused to spend enough of their money on training their employees, were being put in mispated control of £3 billion of public money to train others. It was rather like putting Barlow Clowes in charge of investment protection.

Britain's successful competitors were moving in the opposite direction by adopting a national training strategy based on an overall skills andit to meet the needs of industry, ensuring that employers adequately invested in training. "This Government, in its

fourth re-structuring of adult training within nine months, is now passing the buck to e series of nurepresentative and un-accountable local quangos." Would the White Paper add a

whole the visite raper and a single extra penny of new money to the budget of Employment Training which was widely schnowledged to be grossly underfunded? What provision was there to ensure that employers would be spending a penny more on training?

Would not the removal of the training levy through the aboli-tion of the statutory powers of the industrial training boards sctually reduce employer spending?

These proposals were based on United States experience, but, while lifting their ideas, Mr Fowler was omitting the legal

EMPLOYERS' TASK



Mr Lester. Period of continuity needed

tion, duplication of training provision and exploitative pay

"These proposals come from a Government which largely cre-nted the skills gap by abolishing the grant levy system for training of those in work, by chopping three quarters of the industrial training boards, hy axing a third of the skills centres and by decimating apprenticeships.

"This White Paper is motivated far more by ideological dogma in favour of privatization to confront and overcome the huge skills gap facing this

"The Chancellor has often spoken in the past of a low-pay, low-skill, low-tech economy. This White Paper will help to

Mr Fowler said that be was not prepared to take lectures from Mr Meacher on training.

The Government's aim was to achieve a well trained pro-fessional workforce for the 1990s. The essence was to get more training by employers of their staff.

Mr Meacher should look at the chamber of commerce-based programmes in West Germany.

In this country, it was employers locally who knew the needs of the labour market and there-fore the training needs. There would be no cut in resources.

Mr James Lester (Bruxtowe, C) said that a period of continuity was necessary to get the message across to local communities that training was an essential part of any company.

Mr Fowler said that the training and enterprise boards would be responsible for encouraging involvement. "For the first time we will bring together training for employed and noemployed people. The crucial part of these proposals is that it is to be done at a local level.



SPECTRUM

Pouring money down the tube?



GETTING LONDON MOVING

Part 2: Public transport by the year 2001

ne of the more common advertisements on the platforms of the London Underground depicts a scene from the Tokyo subway. It shows a stocky little official squeezing passeogers through the door of a tube train.

The delicacy of his white gloves, out of deference to the travellers' smart office clothes, makes an odd contrast with the bullish force exerted by his diagonal body. Whatever it is advertising, the poster seems to be a subliminal warning from the operators of London's creaking tube system —

things could be worse.

Until recently, Underground travellers had become used to comparatively low levels of congestion. Between 1961 and 1981 more than 340,000 jobs had disappeared in central London because of accentral towards and later respection. tralization and, later, recession. The population dropped by a million. Car ownership in the area also rose from 36.5 per cent to 57.4 per cent of households. Rail, tube and buses were all in decline and public transport chiefs were desperate for more business.

But since 1982, that has been reversed. The economic boom has brought extra jobs, mainly in the financial and professional sector.

The population of central London is rising once more and the number of commuters arriving during the morning peak is up by 15 per cent.

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The increased congestion on the roads and a more attractive Travelcard ticket system have, in the past five years, prompted a huge switch from road to rail and later to Underground, which has had a 70 per cent increase in passengers. Since 1984 there has even been a 10 per cent growth in the use of buses, a

reversal of a long historic decline. Official forecasts for the years to 2001 are that transport problems will worsen. Car ownership is

London's economic boom has placed an even greater

strain on the Underground and

Paul Vallely discovers that

unless we spend

more, the future

is even bleaker

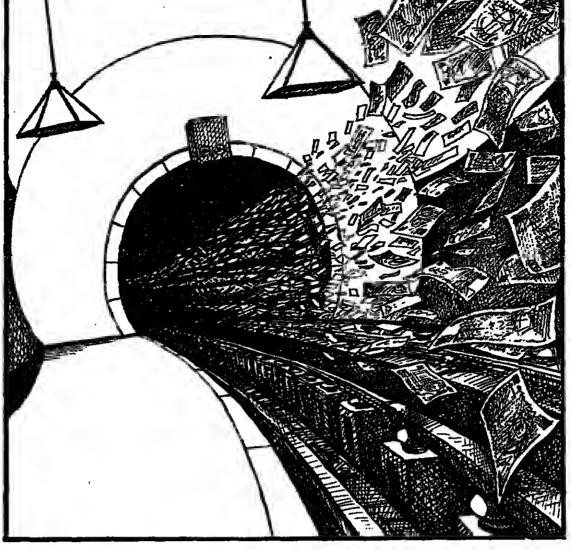
predicted to rise by 30 per cent and population will probably grow to a record level. Central Londoo and Docklands expect 180,000 extra jobs. The increased demand on rail and tube will burst the present transport system unless there is

The history of public transport in London has been one of persistent neglect and under-investment for almost four decades. Stuart Cole, principal lecturer io transport economics at the Business School of North London Polytechnic, says this is partly because the Depart-ment of Transport is dominated by road-builders and partly because of Treasury reluctance to spend the necessary sums when demand was

"New lines require huge amounts of money — we probably need to spend about £5 billion now — and governments of all political shades have refused to invest on that scale because there are no votes in such long-term investment," he says.

Londoo Underground seems to have suffered particularly badly from lack of investment in the 1970s, when passengers declined, and in the early 1980s, when it became a political football. Since it was removed from the aegis of the Greater Londoo Council, the goverument has allowed more investment, with some results.

But it is not serious money. Even in the 1960s and 1970s, it cost £3 billion to rejuvenate the Paris Metro and create a regional railway network. Maintaining public transperwork. Mantaining public transport systems is expensive, especially where much of the equipment is more than 50 years old. David Bayliss, director of planning at London Regional Transport, says: "The annual cost of just keeping up, of replacing like for like, is £130 million a year. But that's not enough to keep up with the growth enough to keep up with the growth in congestion.



On such levels of investment, government policy is, in the words of Peter Hall, Professor of Geog-raphy at Reading University, tantamount to saying to residents and businesses: "It's a big city, if you don't like all the traffic, move."

n response to the growing concern, the government has commissioned the Central London Rail Study, which should have been published in July but is now expected early next year. Inside reports indicate that it will recommend between £2 billion and £3 billion on improvements to station facilities and three new lines across London - east to west, north to south, and the centre to

Without this, the prediction is that by 2001 inner-city congestion will spread to suburbs as far apart as Wanstead, Higheate, Wembley, Ea-ling, Putney and Clapham, and more than 20 central London stations will have to operate a rationing system to prevent overloading. Dr Martin Mogridge of the

Transport Studies Group at Universiry College, London, in his own already-published report on the subject, recommends 18 different new lines or extensions to existing ones, to create a rapid express railway system like that in Paris. Complemented by a new lorry route to link up with the Channel Tunnel, it could cost about £10 billion over a 20-year period.

There is no sense of urgency in Conservative circles: no par-liamentary time has apparently been found in the current session for a bill to permit the construction of a line from Waterloo to London Bridge to Docklands, even though a private developer, Olympia & York, has offered to raise £180 million towards the £460 million project.

A substantial input of private capital would obviously make such high investment more attractive to the government. Olympia & York is undertaking to arrange £100 million of equity and £80 million on commercial terms against operating revenue because, as its planning director Michael Dennis acknowledged, the new line would almost double the value of the firm's investment in Docklands' Canary

But most transport planners maintain — and the Secretary of State for Transport, Paul Channon, is said to accept - that the hulk of any investment will have to come from the public purse.

The traditional corollary would be to provide straightforward capital grants. There is still a significant lobby for such an approach, which argues that the government should provide rail and tube infrastructure, just as it provides roads, and theo expect transport chiefs to operate commercially.

But there is another option: to charge for the use of roads and then use the revenue to pay for the improvements in public transport.

TOMORROW

A charge for the roads

LONG HAUL ON THE CENTRAL LINE

various strands that make up the tangle of the London Underground system come, quite literally, to the end of the line. After 30 years of relent-lessly mounting use, the roll-ing stock and signalling systems reach the point where repair becomes more expensive, and less efficient, than

wholesale replacement.
Unless something is done not that point, the afflicted line will, just like a clogged overhead artery on the face of the metropolis, start to impair the efficiency of the metropolis. efficiency of the rest of the system. The Central Line has reached that point; with its daily burden of half a million passengers, and an bourly flow of 27,000 humans along the stretch between Oxford Circus and Bank, chaos and despair are but a signal failure away.

Between now and 1995, a nocturnal army will set to work on the installation of a new signalling system along the 40-odd miles of track between West Ruislip at the western extremity and the open Essex countryside to the east. That appareotly long span is explained by the short working hours available be-tween the last and first trains, and the overriding need to keep the Central operating normally throughout.

Of the £720 million to be

spent on the line over five years, the bulk will go on new rolling stock. The London Underground is taking tenders from four manufacturing com-panies — two British, one West German, and one from Japan.

When the whole operation is complete, the line - whose central section was built 125 years ago — will have 85 airy
new trains with greatly increased top speeds and
acceleration. This will mean,
in theory, an average reduction
of 12 per cent in journey times.
You only have to glance at
the table mean, and the famous

the tube map — not the famous stylized plan which takes such liberties with the alignments to see how this will benefit users of that interminable red tendril. The line may be the Central, but it is in reality a thoroughly eccentric amalgam of different tracks from different periods, joined in places by hairpins of linking track.

The man who has the job, as yet without a formal title, of co-ordinating the refurbish-ment plan, is Dr Roger Aylwood, aged 44. He bas

rom time to time the been with the Underground for 10 years, before which he was a lecturer in mechanical engineering at Liverpool University. What is more, he would be stuck without the tube since he comes in from Amersham, that Metro-dependent town in the heart of Betjeman country. "The increase in the use of

the underground is alarming," he says in his Coveot Garden office. "The unofficial estimates say that it has gone up by 1.5 per cent in the past six months. The Central Line has exhausted the limits of its infrastructure and we have somehow to keep ahead of the

"With the Underground as whole, there are only a limited number of choices open to us. Either we can try and get by with endless re-pairs, but that is inconvenient, expensive, and in the end will not solve the basic problem. The second alternative is simply to build new railways, with all the massive expense which that entails. The third alternative is to reduce passenger numbers by pricing people out of the market. That, of course, is not only politically un-acceptable, it is also quite wrong our joh is to enable people to get to work, not to keep them from it."

As far as the Central Line is

concerned, whatever solations Aylwood and his colleagues devise, they always seem to stub their collective toe on the impasse that is Liverpool Street, one of the most overcrowded intersections in the network. Even the notion of building an extra platform there has foundered because of the subterranean jungle of sewers, drains and construc-tion piles which the area has

"In the end we have decided to go for the option of installing a new set of escalators at the other end of the platform, so that the crowds will disperse more quickly," he says.
"We also hope that the design of the new trains will make it easier for passengers to move down into the centre of the car-riages. It is the crowding at the mouth of the doors that makes the stops so long during rush-hour. The trains themselves can only play a limited part in getting people more quickly from A to B. If they don't then help themselves, there's not much more we can do."

Alan Franks

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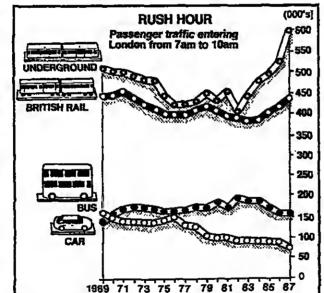
PLAYING A CARD THAT CAME UP TRUMPS AND WAS THE TICKET TO RIDE:

The Travelcard was London Underground marketing men's answer to the steady decline in passengers. It offered untimited travel within specified areas and the convenience of not having to queue for tickets. They thought they would sell about 100,000 a year. Almost a million Travelcards

were sold last year. Tha success has coincided with an increase in passengers, prompted by London's reinvigorated economic activity. All at once the Travalcard has strategy.
There is a correlation

transport and congestion. In 1981, when the Underground instituted its Fares Fair policy. tickat prices were cut by 31 per cent. As a result, there were 33,000 mora tube journeys and the number of commuters entering London by car dropped by 12,000, proving that cost, not just journey-was a crucial factor in tha choice of travel. In 1982, after Bromley

Council, which had no tube stations, successfully asked



the courts to rula the policy illegal, fares rose by 100 per cent overnight. The result: 59,000 fewer arrivals by tube and 37,000 more by car. In

that fares could be reduced. but by a smaller amount, ticket prices were reduced by 27 per cent; tube journeys went up by 38,000; and cars went down by 23,000.

The shift produced, by a smaller cut in fares, was more dramatic because of the Travelcard Effect.

London Transport chiefs were doubly pleased. The Travelcard generated new traffic, revenue increased. collecting costs were reduced and travel during the off-peak period graw. David Bayliss, of London

Regional Transport, says it also reduced fraud almost by half: "Removing single tickets removed tha temptation to fiddle." The problem was, he adds, that "when it was Introduced it was taking up slack, but now we're having to increase capacity to cope, and

What must follow from that, say senior policy-makers at London Regional Transport, is a raview of lares which substantially increases them during peak-hours, as a kind of congestion tax, white maintaining cheap off-peak fares to make the service run economically then as well.

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A mix-up out of the blue

Colour words are very old and fortune-tellers, very curious. One of the interpreters of puzzles is how our hlue seems to come from the Latin flavus, which meant pale yellow or tuals of the pop golden to the Romans. The press. It was English and Latin lexicog- plagiarized and raphers say that the words are translated over cognate or "probably related". and But they sound pretty shifty about it. Classical words for colours are notoriously few and indefinite. But blue is so error perpetudifferent from yellow that 1 ated down the wonder whether the colour centuries in a shift may not have been newspaper caused by a simple misprint.

One of the key sources is the Liber Mineralium of Albertus Magnus or St Albert, which he wrote about 1250. In it Big Albert described the supposed medical and magical prop-erties of minerals, and gave personal observations on where they are found and in what form, and so on. And he Stone Lazuli. This stone is seems to have been wearing vellow-tinted specs. For examplc, he describes saphirus, our sapphire, as a clear vellow (perspicuus flavus) like the sky on a fine day. Albert described as tlavus other stones that look blue to us, such as lapis lazuli and Hyacynthus (whether corundum or zircon).

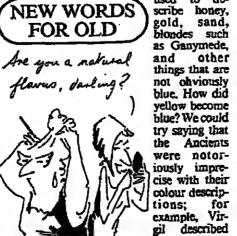
His book was immensely popular and influential among

dreams, and other intellecagain, in the same way that you can see an

archive. For example, here from The Mirror of Stones, first published in

before: "Zumemellazuli, or Zemech, hut in Latin is the Beauty is called the celestial or starry Stone. Being prepared by Physicians, it cures melaneboly disorders. There is also made of it a Colour called the

Ultramarine Azure." In classical Latin flavus is days, Albert was essentially



GED SWAILS AS DUTand 1750, is a straight lift from Homer described bulls as Grand Albert five centuries oinops or wine-dark, purplish, and not to my eyes a very bullish colour. To that explan-Stone Lazuli. This stone is ation I say: "Pull the other yellow, of the Colour of the one, it's got bulls on." You sky when it is in its greatest could say that flavus changed Serenity, not transparent, and its meaning in the Middle shioes with golden Streaks; it sustains the Fire, and from its Albert's Latin was not very

A better explanation is that it was a misprint, which can happen in the best-regulated publications. As far as there were nationalities in those

used to de-scribe honey, classical Latin for blue, gold, sand, caeruleus, he used a Latinization of the German word for blue, blau or blaw, and wrote and other blavus. Whether he invented it things that are or picked it up does not not ohviously matter. But the word blavus blue. How did for blue was around. Johannes yellow become the Monk, who died in 1313, blue? We could in his life of St Odo described try saying that certain vestments: "Of the the Ancients colour which we, in the vulgar were notor- tongue (vulgo) call blavus." Salmasius (1588-1653), the cise with their commentator on many classicolour descrip- cal authors, places Blavus as tions; for an adjective of colour between Purpureus and Caeruleus. It was a very Germanic word. I think an early scribe or

printer, not understanding this unusual word blavus pejorated it to flavus. In early type the character for F with ligature and serifs looks not unlike a B. And that was how yellow turned blue. How often have I said to you that when you have eliminated the impossible, what remains, however improbable, must be human cock-up? And wby do you suppose that we cry blue murder? Or should it be yellow murder? But that is another story.

Philip Howard

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Ex-chief minister to do penance

OVERSEAS NEWS

Amritser (Reuter) - The former Punjab Chief Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, accepted a humiliating series of punishments from the five head priests of the Sikh religion yesterday to end his excommunication, Sikh officials said.

The punishments - including seven days of kitchen work and cleaning shoes - were the price demanded by the priests to lift the excommunication they imposed on him last year. His acceptance of them clears the way for unity of the main Sikh political party, the Akali Dal.

Mr Barnala was Chief Minister of the violence-torn north Indian state from 1985 until May 1987, when the central Government in Delhi sacked him and imposed direct rule to tackle a violent Sikh separatist campaign. Mr Barnala was then excommunicated for defying an order to dissolve his faction of the Akali Dal and join others to present a united front to Delhi.

His punishments include five 48-hour non-stop recitals of the Sikh holy book, sweeping floors and washing utensils in temples and communal kitchens, and cleaning the shoes of visitors to the Golden Temple for seven days.

Gulf airliner reply

Washington - America yesterday issued a detailed reply to the report by the International Civil Aviation Organization oo the shooting down by a US Navy ship in the Gulf in July of an Iranian civil airliner (Christopher Thomas writes). All 290 people on board were killed. No details are available, but the US is unlikely to disagree with the organization's findings. The Pentagoo itself concluded that US ships were insufficiently prepared to identify civilian aircraft.

55 killed in stampede Yaounde (Reuter) - At least 55 panic-stricken children were trampled to death or suffocated and about 100 injured in a

stampede at a school in the Cameroun capital yesterday. Doctors said the final death toll could be higher because many seriously injured pupils were still being treated. Yaouode radio quoted witnesses as saying the stampede,

the cause of which was oot clear, took place in a crowded five-storey huilding of the Institut Prive

Kosovo bows to Serbs

Belgrade (Reuter) - The Communist Party in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province yesterday decided against the re-instatement of two ousted ethnic Albanian leaders who were blamed by Belgrade for being soft on separatists. The Party Committee turned down the re-instatement of the province's former party chief, Mrs Kacusa Jasari, and of aPolitburo member, Mr Azem Vlasi. Their removal last mooth triggered a wave of ethnic Albanian protests.

Secret satellite launch

Cape Canaveral (AP) - The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis deployed a powerful radar satellite over the weekend, reported to have been the chief goal of the secret military space mission. According to informed sources, the Lacrosse satellite was designed to gather extremely sharp allweather images of Soviet bloc military targets and would help US intelligence agencies to monitor Soviet compliance with arms control treaties.

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Jerusalem (AP) - President Herzog yesterday granted Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister and Likud leader, a three-week extension to form a coalition government and urged him to try again with the rival Labour Party. Mr Shamir's chances of forming a coalition without Labour have improved after spiritual advisers of the Agudat Israel party said it should renew talks with Likud.

South Africa jails youngest conscientious objector



South Africa's youngest cam-paigner against conscription. being accompanied into the Johannesburg magistrate's court yesterday by his parents, Mr Antony and Mrs Judy examiners that they have pro-Hester, before he was sent to prison for the maximum six being called up, or they can years for refusing compulsory ask to be allowed to do years for refusing compulsory service in the Army.

Bester said his Christian conscience dictated that he could not, on political and moral grounds, participate in the "evil" perpetuated by the South African Defence Force (Ray Kennedy writes).

His faith taught him to love God and to love his neighbour, and the apartheid system had caused untold suffering and humiliation, he said. Bester is the young

son yet jailed in South Africa for refusing to do military service. All young white males - other races are not liable for conscription - must do two years' full-time service in the armed forces and are then

Charles Bester, aged 18, liable, over 12 years, to be South Africa's youngest cam- called op for 720 days of periodic "camps", totalling four years' service in all.

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Conscientions objectors must satisfy a board of found religious grounds for not "alternative service" - usually low-paid weifare work outside the armed forces - for a total

of six years. Bester, a former voint worker for Africa Enterprise. an inter-racial Christian orgenization, pleaded not guilty to a charge of refusing to serve in the Army and a further charge of failing to report for

service. With Bester's parents in court was Dr Ivan Toms, who was freed from prison last week pending his appeal against a prison term of 630 days for refusing to report for an army camp. Dr Toms completed his fulltime service in the Medical Corps.

Rhodes summit was 'a pause for breath on way to 1992'

González inherits thorniest EEC issues

From Richard Owen and Mario Modiano, Rhodes

Knights of St John here after fronts at once. the two-day summit meeting. President Mitterrand of France was heard to wish Senor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, good luck" when he takes over the EEC presidency from Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, on

"France takes over from Spain in the second half of the year," one diplomat said.
"Both González and Mitter-rand know that Papandreou has bequeathed to them some of the thorniest issues still to be solved before the Single European Market in 1992."

January 1.

The Rhodes meeting, marking the winding-up of the Greek six-month presidency, was a pause for breath at the halfway stage to 1992. Neither Mr Papandreou, presiding as host, nor Mrs Thatcher was looking for a fight over Community issues.

As Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, observed ruefully at the end of the meeting, Mrs Thatcher's energies had gone into airing her grievances with Belgium and Ireland over the Ryan

As the EEC leaders left the case, and she obviously did omy, with "smooth, steady fortified Crusader castle of the not want to fight on too many and dynamic development". It nations.

between Britain and the other atioo, including VAT, with southern countries, including to press.

Spain, would continue to press.

As for Mr Papandreou, still acknowledged that many of recovering from open heart the tonghest problems are yet surgery, he was already defying doctor's orders by risking the strain of chairing a summit meeting. His fellow leaders treated him with compassion and took an indulgent view of his obvious infatuation with his mistress, Ms Dimitra Liani, who was his official companion.

In Mrs Thatcher's words, the Community "took stock" in Rhodes and identified some of the priorities ahead.

EEC officials noted with evident satisfaction that by the end of this year half of the Internal Market programme would have been completed, progress no-one would have dared to predict even a year ago", M Jacques Delors, President of the Commission, told the summit that the EEC was benefiting from investmentled growth, something Mrs Thatcher attributes to the kind of economic policies pursued

by Britain. The summit communiqué said that the 1992 process itself had created a new dynamism in the European econOn the other hand it was that he inclined toward the European idealism of M Delors rather than to Mrs

Thatcher's views, and he inwork must be stepped up. As Chancellor Helmut Kohl of dicated that vexed questions West Germany remarked: such as the proposal for a "We will have to work hard. It European central bank would is clear to everybody that the have to be addressed by the discussions at the Madrid time of the Madrid summit,

Athens (Renter) - The American-born wife of Mr Andreas Papandreon, the Greek Prime Minister, said yesterday she was ready to discuss divorce with him. "If Andreas is ready to talk to me about the divorce, I am glad. I asked him to do so loog ago," Mrs Margaret Papandreon told journalists. The Socialist Prime Minister, aged 69, has made no secret of his relationship with Mrs Dimitra Liani, aged 34, who accompanied him to the European Community summit in Rhodes last weekend.

Officials said that the reference in the communique to and currency co-ordinatioo. "appropriate harmonization or approximatioo where necary" in the free movement of goods, services, capital and persons by 1992 could offer room for compromise - but equally arguments could arise over what was meant by pean Parliament.

"where necessary". Rhodes, difficulties remain for the harmonization of tax-

and Paris summits next year adding that EEC countries will not be as relaxed as this must surrender a degree of sovereignty to the EEC to ensure fiscal harmonization

Señor González said biuntly

He identified the coming policy priorities as fiscal harmonization, the "social dimension" of 1992, monetary union, regional spending, cross-frootier televisioo and increased powers for the Euro-

Rhodes saw a brief prelimi-Despite the harmony in nary skirmish over proposals

ing the view put forward by M Mitterrand that tax harmonizatioo was a prerequisite for the full liberalization of capital movements across frontiers, planned for 1990.

"The market itself will deal with any changes that oced to said, adding that tax harmonizatioo was "neither oecessary nor desirable."

Britain, The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark already had free capital flows oo need for tax harmonization.

On 1992 "social policy", which the Greeks had hoped to make a central platform of their presideocy, the communique emphasized the oeed to combat unemployment and ensure safety in the workplace, as well as calling for a "systematic dialogue between management and labour at Community level". But it failed to mention either EEC schemes for worker participatioo or plans for an EEC company statute, both fiercely opposed by Mrs Thatcher.

Officials insisted after

Breast - self examination

Hormone replacement

Pre-menstrual syndrome

vigorously for EEC-wide action oo workers' rights.

On cross-border television, the summit called for cooperation to develop Europe's audio-visual capacity". It endorsed a French proposal for "a truly European audio-vibe made," the Prime Minister sual market", including the free exchange of programmes within the EEC, and the promotion of high definition television systems.

The meeting also called for the encouragement of televisioo programmes which would demonstrate "the richness and diversity of European culture".

Perhaps the most explosive 1992 issue still to be tackled is how far power should be transferred from national parliameots to the European Parliament as an integrated Europe takes shape.

Diplomats observed that France remained determined to keep the Enropean Parliament debating chamber in Strasbourg. They considered that this, coupled with the fear among national MPs that they were losing sovereignty to the Rhodes that not only M EEC, could cause more con-Delors but also the EEC tention in the course of 1989. EEC. could cause more con-

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Debt threatens the fragile democracies of South America

From Mac Margolis Rio de Janeiro

When some 400 disgruptled military men scized the Campo de Mayo Infaotry School and Villa Martelli arsenal io Argentina last week, all of South America again held its collective breath.

Governments from Santiago to Paramaribo are gingerly walking the narrow path between long, dark periods of dictatorship and the largely untried practice of full institutional democracy.

This third and most serious military uprising in 18 months appears to have been a costly victory for President Alfonsin, who was set to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Argentina's return to democracy this week.

By the time the rebel soldiers surrendered to regular army troops on Sunday, the four-day showdown looked more like the pathetic, if violent, death throes of a spent authority than a serious hlow against constitutional rule. The brief pursch had its own icouography and theatre. While the rebels demanded amnesty for officers sentenced for rights abuses and the removal of the armed forces commander, General Dante Caridi, soldiers in berets and black-face glared fiercely from battle tanks while journalists' cameras clicked and whirted.

The drama's protagonist, the ultra-nationalist Colonel Mohammad Ali Seineldin, fittingly declared again and again that he was prepared to take the rebellion "to its ultimate consequences". That nearly came to pass when government troops twice fired upon the

There was damage on both sides. Señor Alfonsin's ability to command was shaken when military charges repeatedly balked at his orders to snuff the revolt, and the rebel movement won only revulsion from Argentine society. When the shooting stopped, the

warded Captain De Almeida, not with a pay rise, but with three years in jail. Even in Argentina, where the

revolt collapsed; a martyr to its own lonely zeal. "unreconstructed" military leaders speak loudest, the uprisings ers speak londest, the uprisings have ended where they began, in There have been other versions the confines of army barracks.

of such desperate soldiers' bravura across the continent. In 1982, a Last weekend, all political pargroup of malcontents sent clite ties, including Señor Alfonsin's most ardent foes, roundly conanti-narcotics troops to kidnap the fumbling Bolivian President Dr demned the military revolt. Hernan Siles Zuazo, who was

Though the cootinent's democracies are still fragile and fledgling, for now at least it is these splinter

• When the shooting stopped the revolt collapsed, a martyr to its own lonely zeal 9

groups of soldiers, not the civilians, who have been tarnished by their repeated challenges to democratic rule. September's plebiscite in Chile, in which voters rejected another eight-year presidential term for the continent's most prominent dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, was a clear sign that those who rule with an iroo hand may also stand on clay feet. The last Argentine uprising was

denounced across the continent and, indeed across the oceans. "History repeats itself as farce," wrote one Brazilian newspaper. But democracy may not yet be out of harm's way. In fact, the spectre of the week's

tumultuous events only helped to highlight President Alfonsin's urgent message to the United Na-tions last week. He told the world forum that the imminent threat to Latin democracies did not come from fanatics in uniform and warpaint, but something more insidious: foreign debt.

Latin and Caribbean nations hold \$420 billion (about £230 billion) in foreign deht, fully a third of what the poor world owes the rich. Since the debt crisis broke six years ago, virtually all the Latin societies have suffered plunging terms of trade, sluggish

economic growth, rising urban crime, lost opportunity and dashed hopes.

Between 1982 and 1987, this capital-starved region actually made a net transfer of its wealth (nearly 4 per cent of its entire gross domestic product) to creditors abroad. Per capita income has fallen to 1970s levels, while the population has cootinued to grow.

Many Latin leaders, economists, and bankers alike have already written off the 1980s as a "lost decade" for Latin America, The blame may be passed between profligate governments who spend more than they have, and unbending creditors, who insist on collecting more than debtor countries can afford.

But the resulting economic crisis has in turn provoked political discootent, opening the way for extremists on the left and right. In Argentina, the rumhlings have come from the barracks. In Peru, the threat comes from the mystic radical guerrilla group, the Shining Path, which has planted bombs and sown terror from Cuzco to Lima. In Brazil, it is the quixotic populists and caudilhos, or personalist rulers, who have made dramatie advances.

For South American politics has followed a simple, stark rule. Economic disorder has contributed to the undoing of all regimes, both io military and civilian clothes. It hastened generals into power in the 1960s and the 1970s, and it had ushered them out again by the beginning of this decade, Nearly always, military coups have also been civilian ones.

The beleaguered Latin leaders argue that without restored economic opportunity, and the debt relief that could make that possible, restiveness and perhaps even more uprisings will spread. The next challenge to a Latin democracy could end not in prosaic farce but in a much sadder

Argentine President under growing pressure to explain how uprising ended

released nine hours later.

Late last year, in southern

Brazil, an Army captain, Luiz Fernando de Almeida, led 50

troops in an invasion of a city hall,

where he read a manifesto against

In these instances, law and

constitutional order proved more

resilient than their enemies. Presi-

dent Siles Zuazo resigned a year

before his term was through, but passed the presidential sash to a

democratically elected successor.

In Brazil, a military court re-

the low salaries in the Army.

Opposition suspects deal done without Alfonsín

From Michael Llanos, Buenos Aires

The Government of President more funds to keep equipment Alfonsin was under fire yesterday from opposition politicians who wanted to know whether the Argentine Army and rebel officers had negoand rebel officers had nego-opposition suspicions of a tiated an amnesty to end a deal behind Senor Alfonsin's three-day mutiny on Sunday back, included: without the knowledge of the The Army High Command,

The refusal yesterday, by Vice-President Victor Martinez to say where Colooel Mohammad Ali Seineldin, the rebel leader, was being held added to the impression that

man refused to confirm whether Colonel Scineldin was even under arrest.

terday helping to supervise the dismantling of the rebel

The opposition, led by the rebels' demands. General Peronist movement, demand- Adolfo Etcheum, head of the ed to know Colonel Seinel- Army Air Transport Brigade din's whereabouts and in Cordoba province, said the whether he had negotiated a demands "are the same as

deal with the Army. Military sources confirmed the Army". that the mutiny had ended Though Seöor Alfonsin on after Colonel Seineldin met Saturday night ordered the General Isidro Cáceres, one of Army to "crush" the rebellion. the loyal officers ordered by the loyal troops only encircled Senor Alfonsin to crush the the rebels almost a day later.

include obtaining from the - cither at Villa Martelli, at Government a full amnesty the Army Infantry School for all officers implicated in where the rebellion started, or the 1970s "dirty war" against at the infanty base in terrorism, as well as increased Mercedes, 60 miles west of the

Señor Alfonsin has denied the granting of "concessions". Other signs which fuelled

oot the Defence Ministry, was the first to announce that the rebel troops would lay down their arms.

 Loyal forces began withdrawing from the rebel stronghold at the Villa Martelli base Señor Alfonsin was oot com-pletely in control of the Army. officially announced that the A Defence Ministry spokes- rebels would lay down their

• The presidential spokesman, Señor José Lopez, could An army source said the not say why the President did colonel spent most of yes- not use the word surrender, iostead ofusing the phrase "laying down their arms", to stronghold at the army mu- refer to the end of the mutiny. nitions base-at-Villa Martelli, An Army general went on seven miles west of the capital. the record defending the

mice and the vast majority of

Loval troops never began a The deal struck was said to full assault on the rebels' bases



A mystery man, posing as a press photographer, pulling out a gun and fleeing from angry journalists, outside the rebel base in Buenos Aires, after they discovered he was an imposter. He was later beaten up by the crowd and then arrested by police.

coovoy fled oo Saturday from military spending and the Army Infantry School to the Villa Martelli.

A human rights lawver said

pected the Government and the opposition Peronists to approve an amnesty - albeit under a different name - hut not until after the presidential elections on May 14, 1989. "To do so now would only favour the far left," he said.

"There will be an amnesty because Argentina is a country defence spending - improving capital, declared. He added: "Then the amoesty "is a fact that has to accept an amnesty. Depoty more than 30 per officers' pay and allocating • Colonel Seineldio was out Government can start resolv- be reached through normal Senor Alvaro Alsogaray, the reported wounded.

A human rights lawyer said Leading military analysis the Government also had say it is likely that the Army means to slow down the few the rebels reached a deal. human rights cases still pend-Señor Carlos Raimondi ex- ing which affect military officers. "The Supreme Court can befinre," said Señor Horacio Meodez Carreras.

Although Peronist leaders yesterday refused to accept an amnesty "imposed by the military" they did not rule out the possibility of such a law. Señor Carlos Menem, the of amnessies, we have some 30 Peronists' presidential canvative Democratic Centre such laws." Señor Raimoodi didate, acknowledged that an Union, urged the country to

stopped when he and a rebel ing the problem by increasing channels". Senor Menem, the Uoion's presidential canleading candidate in the polls, had been calling for a "pacification law" - a enphemism for an amnesty long before the mutiny.

bers of the ruling Radical Party yesterday suggested that suspend the trials as it has such a solution to the military crisis was inevitable. Señor Balbino Zubiri, the National deputy head of the lower house defence committee, said that the country "needs legislation to avoid this".

The leader of Argentina's third largest party, the Conser-

didate, said the Army had been "semi-destroyed" by society's failure to decide whether the military were "assassins" or "heroes" in the dirty war against terrorism.

During the three-day mutiny, three people died and some 40 were reported injured or wounded. The worst violence occurred outside the Villa Martelli base when a few rebels fled, spraying the area with gunfire. That was followed hy a clash between pnlice and left-wingers protesting outside. Two civil-

ians and one police officer were coofirmed dead, while

more than 30 people were

Señor Pérez, the candidate

He said that only servicing the debt according to the country's rate of export income would allow Venezuela to bridge the gap between the present economic slowdown

and more prosperous times.

Señor Pérez is the seventh consecutive democratically elected President since the nverthrow of the dictator, General Marcos Pérez Jiménez, in January, 1958.

He won his second term in a very bitter seven-mooth elec-

for Pérez in Venezuela poll Figures from Venezuela's So- external opposition attacks. These included a constant

From Tony Bianchi, Caracas

Convincing win

preme Electoral Council yesunprecedented second term of Sunday's free presidential

Results started to trickle io early yesterday, following the pattern projected by several television stations and giving Señor Pérez a comfortable 15 per cent lead over his oearest rival. Señor Eduardo Fernán-dez of the Social Christian Party, Copei.

of the ruling Acción Democrática party, was quickly recognized as the victor by all the main opposing candidates.

In a short victory speech, he promised to work closely with other political parties and the private sector to solve Venezuela's ecocomic problems, including a \$30 billioo (about £16 hillion) foreign debt.

The President-elect has repeatedly promised to di-versify from the basic and vital petroleum industry and attract foreign investment by stimulating the export of aluminium, steel, gold and semi-manufactured Venezue-

Hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets in the capital late on Sunday night to celebrate Senor Pérez's victory.

toral campaign during which he had to face internal and

terday confirmed that Señor reminder by his leading rival, Carlos Andrés Pérez, aged 66, Señor Fernández, that Señor a former President, won ao Pérez was acquitted by Congress by only a small margin office by a clear margin io on charges of misappropriation of government funds during his previous govern-meet of 1974 to 1979.

Señor Fernández also claimed that Señor Pérez tried to sell the country short during his previous government by allegedly signing a secret treaty with Colombia allowing the neighbouring nation to exploit jointly with Venezuela the potentially oil-rich waters of the Gulf of Venezuela.

But Señor Pérez fended off all attacks, and the electorate came to regard the claims as political manoeuvres aimed simply at discrediting the ruling party's candidate.

Señor Pérez's victory is expected to be even more significant if results of the legislative elections continue to give government can-didates a clear lead.

In an unexpected show of force, Acción Democrática votes were early today heading towards the 50 per cent mark, which would mean that the ruling party will retain its parliamentary majority.

Electoral officials expect to produce a final tally by late today. The President-elect will be inaugurated on February 2.



The upside-down world of a superpower dinner

President Gorbachov tomorrow, historians will savour the extraordinary irony of events; ernor Michael Dukakis, his never before have the leaders defeated political rival, in an of the superpowers met under unusually swift display of such changed circumstances. reconciliation and national

The old President accompanied hy his successor, President-elect George Bush, will crises unimaginable in the represent stability, cootinuity, orderly change, the much younger Mr Gorbachov - he civil war between Armenia did not even hold his present and Azerbaijan, a unilatera title the last time they met comes from a country in turmoil, where a volcanic eruption of change appears to be blowing everything to the

Constitutional power, ecotions, concepts of freedom, democracy and human rights have all hurst their settled bounds with explosive force.

at last presents the world with colouring his views and the a consistency in foreign and domestic policy all 100 absent in previous changes of admin- his domestic revolution is who are a known factor,

Last Friday, the very day unity. President Gorbachov

Soviet Unioo since the death of Lenio - rioting and near declaration of virtual independence by Estonia, an aircraft hijacking and a constitutional upheaval involving the Supreme Soviet voting itself into oblivion.

The traditional attitudes of nomic systems, ethnic rela- the two presidents have been turned upside down.

Mr Reagan, who took office in a firestorm of anti-Soviet rhetoric, leaves with the glow And while the United States of his Moscow summit now support of those who favour detente. And while much of with Western conservatives,

Union grows daily stronger. Gorbachov, who inherited a

political situation blinded by propaganda and frozen in outdated slogans of class warfare, is now visiting Wall Street, citadel of capitalism. and basks in near universal popularity in the West. Europeans vote him the most admired world leader.

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

even in America, according to the latest poll, he comes ahead of Mr Brian Mulroney, Canada's Prime Minister, and behind Mrs Thatcher and the Pope as the foreign leader Americans most admire. Moscow is deeply relieved

tion. The Kremlin always

finds it easier to do business

down for a farewell lunch with unpredictable and precarious, relationship with the Soviet and left-wingers to draw clear cow's intentions and the lines in their dealings with On the other hand, Mr Moscow and honour the ing from strength. He wants to agreements they make. But the Soviet Union is

particularly pleased about Mr Bush. They desperately oeed a respite in foreign affairs, and would oot have had time in the present turmoil to get to know a whole new inexperienced team of Democrats. They know Mr Bush, they

know many of his aides and are familiar with the positions on trade, arms cootrol, human rights and world affairs which he endorsed as a member of the Reagan Administration. On January 20, Inaugura-

tioo Day, they will be able to cootinue, with barely a flicker of interruption, the discussions they were holding on January 19. For his part, Mr Bush must that Mr Bush woo the elec- be experiencing the kind of oervousness more usually felt

When President Reagan sits the Soviet Unioo is now the fiscal vice, his new and more able than liberals campaign mistrust of Mnshardline rhetoric of negotiatpush forward with arms agreements that would make it easier to cut the bloated

> Pentagon budget. But can Mr Gorbachny deliver? Is his domestic situatioo out of control? Which officials now have the Soviet President's ear?

Mr Bush has trod gingerly in the internal Soviet minefield. He has oot cheered on local nationalism or issued declarations of support for Baltic independence. He knows as well as Mr Gorbachov the dangers of centrifugal forces tearing the Soviet Union apart or pushing Eastern Europe into open revolt.

Americans have been surprised hy the speed with which Mr Bush has made his key appointments, impressed by his air of relaxed authority. by Soviet leaders when dealing with an incoming American He has quickly dropped his exception of defence, where a incoming presideots.

transitioo has been one of the smoothest ever. The retention nf Mr Nicholas Brady marks the first time a Treasury Secretary has stayed oo in a wholly oew administration. other than when the President has died, since Andrew Mellon remained at his post to serve Herbert Hoover.

But who can oow say the same about the Soviet Unioo? Hnw many more party secretaries will be sacked if chaos continues in the Caucasus? Who will be left of the old guard if the reformers finally win? How many hardliners are waiting io case things go wrong for Mr Gorbachov?

The Reagan-Gorbachov meeting will have a touch of oostalgia for both men; but the presence of Mr Bush turns it into the first session of the oew superpower dialogue. There will probably ont be any new initiatives. Nor will it be presidential bearing and clear the "testing" of Mr Bush that displays of determination to Americans always expect of do things his way. With the the Soviet Unioo for their

istration, almost everything in dissipated by pragmatism and ideologically comprehensible Taif talks may lead to Moscow link with Saudi Arabia

Nicosia (Reuter) - Soviet officials flew to the Saudi capital yesterday at the end of talks with Afghan Muslim insurgents, with both sides keeping silent on the outcome.

The arrival of the officials in Riyadh raised speculation that Moscow and the Soviet Union could, after 50 years, be moving towards resumption of diplomatic ties.

Diplomats had earlier suggested that the fact that stannehly anticommunist Saudi Arabia was the host for the Afghan talks in the mountain resort of Taif could lead to such a move. They said Saudi Arabia was already preparing to establish ties with China and has been stendily moving towards a more even-handed foreign policy after the

United States Congress repeatedly rejected its attempts to buy sophisticated American weapons.

The Soviet-Afghan talks were the first at high level between rebels and Soviet officials since Moscow intervened in Afghanistan in December. 1979. The two sides arrived on Friday, and yesterday the Saudi Press Agency said they had con-cluded their third and final round of negotiations on Sunday night.

Sources at the guest palace in Taif

said the rebels had left on a pilgrimage to Mecca. The Soviet officials had gone to Riyadh, they

said. The Soviet team was led by Mr

Yuli Vorontsov, the Deputy Foreign

Minister who is Moscow's Ambas-

sador in Kabul, and the rebels by Mr

Burhannddin Rabbani, leader of a seven-member insurgent alliance.

A senior Afghan government official said in Damascus that the Soviet delegation had been seeking the release of soldiers held prisoner, and the talks did not represent Soviet recognition of the Mujahidin. • MOSCOW: Soviet troops used force on Sunday to clear crowds from the central square in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, and protesters massed again in the city yesterday, an Azerbaijani official said.

Mr Elsin Bagirov, a spokesman for the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry, said the troops acted after demonstrators ignored appeals to disperse (Reuter reports).

cleared the square," he said. "Despite remours to the contrary, I can state categorically no one was killed, but I am not sure about the numbers of injured."

black flags in response to ramours of deaths in Sunday's incident. • No stand-in: In the face of internal problems from the Baltics to the Cancasus, President Gorbachov is taking no chances with the running of the country while he is in New York (A Correspondent writes).

Demonstrators were reassembling

in Bakn yesterday, many carrying

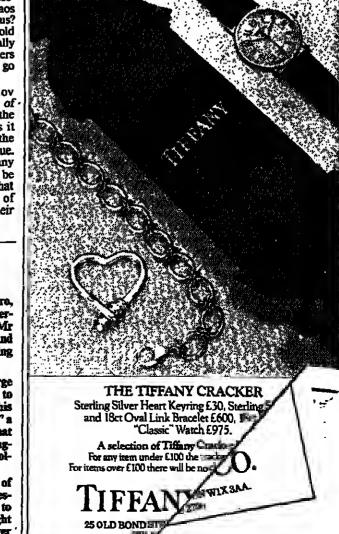
The visit marks the first time he has decided it is best not to leave day-to-day domestic affairs in the hands of any one man. Until now, the man who took control was the

Mr Yegor Ligachov, the arch conservative who often opposed Mr Gorbachov's drive for glasnost and has embarrassed him by making policy speeches in his absence.

It is not clear who will be in charge this time. "It will be interesting to see during the weekly meeting in his absence who really does deputise," a senior Moscow-based Nato diplomat said. "Western observers here imagine it will be a rotating clique of Polithuro friends."

• Estonian veto: The parliament of the Baltic republic of Estonia yesterday defied Moscow in refusing to reopen discussions on its right adpted last month of veto over





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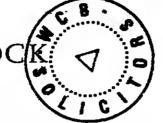
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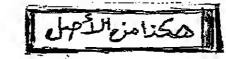
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Roh sacks 21 ministers to signal 'break with past'

In an attempt to distance himself from his disgraced predecessor, President Roh of South Korea yesterday announced a sweeping Cabinet shake-up, replacing the Prime Minister and 20 of 23 other ministers.

The Opposition immediately signalled its dissatisfaction, claiming that the President did not go far enough in rooting out elements of the nation's repressive past. The two leading opposition parties vowed to block the nominarion of the new Prime Minister, who must win a majority in the Opposition-dominated National Assembly to assume

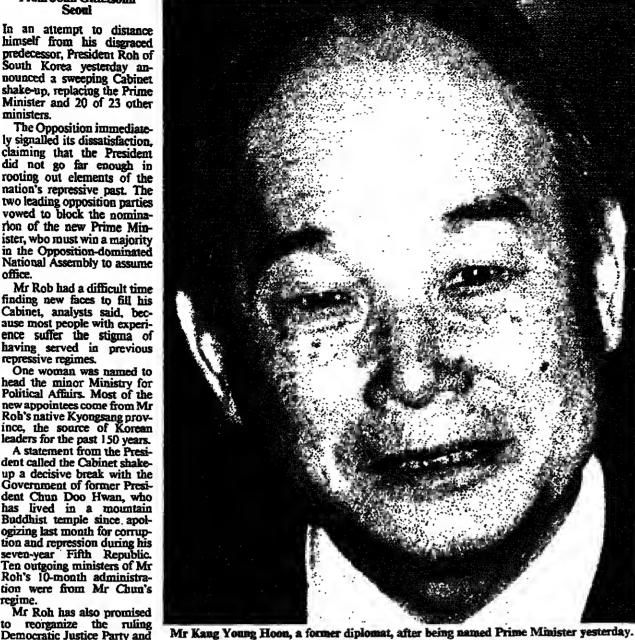
Mr Rob had a difficult time finding new faces to fill his Cabinet, analysts said, because most people with experi-ence suffer the stigma of having served in previous repressive regimes. One woman was named to

Political Affairs. Most of the new appointees come from Mr Roh's native Kyongsang prov-ince, the source of Korean leaders for the past 150 years. A statement from the President called the Cabinet shakeup a decisive break with the Government of former President Chun Doo Hwan, who has lived in a mountain Buddhist temple since apologizing last month for corruption and repression during his seven-year Fifth Republic. Ten outgoing ministers of Mr Roh's 10-month administra-

Mr Roh has also promised to reorganize the ruling Democratic Justice Party and to release political prisoners in a package of reforms aimed at putting the Chun scandals to rest. Mr Chun and Mr Roh are lifelong comrades and the President is promoting his reform package in a drive to head off popular demand for Mr Chun's prosecution.

tion were from Mr Chun's

The Prime Minister-designate, Mr Kang Young Hoon, aged 66, is a moderate with a long record of opposing military involvement in politics. He was dismissed as Commandant of the Korea Military Academy after criticizing the 1961 coup. A former Other controversial ap-general and diplomat, be pointments in the new Cabi-



Britain from 1981 to 1984.

"We are not opposing him as a person, but opposing the procedure of appointing him." said Mr Cho Soon Sung, an opposition assemblyman of the Party for Peace and Democracy. Under Korean law, the Prime Minister appoints all Cabinet members after the Parliament approves his nomination, a procedure which Mr Roh did not follow by naming the entire Cabinet yesterday.

former general who headed the Seoul Olympic organizing committee, who was named chief of the powerful National Security Planning Agency, for-merly the Korean CIA.

Mr Park, aged 55, is seen as a moderate among the clique of generals who seized power in Mr Chun's 1980 coup.

Mr Lee Sang Hoon, a retired neral, was named Minister National Defence. Mr Lee graduated from the same Kowas not implicated in the to 1984.

served as Ambassador to net include Mr Park Seh Jik, a coup. Mr Kim Yong Gap, a hardline former general active in the coup, was retained as Government Affairs Minister. ● Communist envoy: A former Hungarian Ambassador to Pyongyang arrived in Seoul yesterday to head the first communist mission to South Korea (Reuter reports).

> Mr Sandor Erre, who is to set up a permanent mission here, studied international relations at Kim Il Sung University in North Korea in rea Military Academy class as the 1950s and was Ambas-Mr Chun and Mr Roh, but sador to Pyongyang from 1979

Bangladesh disaster warning

Disease and hunger may raise cyclone death toll

Relief officials gave a warning last night that the death toll precarious living on the par-tially submerged islands of the from last week's cyclone in Ganges delta, may have been Bangladesh could rise dramatically unless prompt action One of the worst affected was taken to combat the areas is likely to have been the

spread of disease and hunger world's largest mangrove in the worst affected area, the swamp in the extreme southwestern corner of the country Mr Saidur Rahman, direcknown as Sundar Bans or tor of operations for Oxfam in Beautiful Forest. This remote region is visited, sometimes for Bangladesh, said that the situation to coastal areas along up to a month at a time, by the Bay of Bengal had become collectors of honey and round critical. In some areas of the leaves for roofing or gol patta. south between 60 per cent and It will probably never be 80 per cent of houses had been known how many people died destroyed. Independent estithere last Tuesday. mates put the number of Clearly the difficulty of estimating the extent of the homes destroyed at more than disaster is being exacerbated one million, with an estimated

"Another area of severe damage is crops," Mr Rahman ization is already working at said. "In many places the rice paddies, the main staple in the fall stretch to counter the catastrophic impact of flood-ing in August and September south, have been totally destroyed." According to Minwhich submerged almost 70 per cent of the country, says it is now essential that reconistry of Agriculture sources, the storm has destroyed almost two million acres of rice struction and replanting bewith a further 3.3 million acres gins immediately in the south. estimated to be damaged.

seven million people now

Official government figures still put the death toll below 2.000. But observers here say that figure is based on the actual number of bodies recovered. They say thousands more, mostly deep-sea fishermen and farmers making a move inland as the storm

approached. The tidal surge was also much lower than in

Mr Anisal Islam Mahmud, Minister for Flood Control in President Ershad's Government, said yesterday that he was confident Bangladesb could supply effective relief for victims of the cyclone and that a new effort by foreign donor

He said that government food stocks, already feeding 20 million affected by the earlier flooding, were adequate. What was needed, he said, was not emergency relief supplies, but long-term funding for recon-struction and for vital flood control schemes.

"Our major worry is how to bring about some structural changes so we can at least mitigate against the extent of

member of the National Disaster Prevention Council this country.

It is clear, however, that the extent of the crisis could have been much worse. Improved warning systems in the south-ern Khulna district meant that many people with transistor radios, alerted by government broadcasts, had two days to

cyclones in 1970 and 1985.

nations would not be required.

floods," be said.

Mr Mahmud is a key set up by the President in September to look at ways of fighting the almost annual natural catastrophes afflicting

The Minister said that proposals under discussion included the construction of belipads, twn-storey schools which could be used as evacuation points, and new flood warning and forecasting

Car bombs explode as Lebanon anger rises

Beirut - One person died and six were injured when two cars loaded with dynamite exploded near Syrian Army checkpoints in west Beirut and

castern Lebanon vesterday. The attacks came as tension mounted in Muslim areas under Syrian Army control after the closure of the only crossing point between east Beirut and the Muslim west.

Player defects

Tokyo (Reuter) - An East German viola player, Gerhardt Goebel, aged 43, defected to West Germany while in Tokyo on tour.

Blast deaths

Algiers (Reuter) - Eighteen people were killed and eight seriously injured in a gas explosion at a date processing plant, south-east of Algiers.

Train chaos

Lagos (Renter) - Train services were paralysed nationwide as a strike by Nigerian railway workers over unpaid wages entered its second week.

Locust threat

Ankera (Renter) - Locusts reached Turkey after destroying cereals and citrus crops in

Police swoop

Nairobi (Reuter) - Kenyan police arrested Mr Dave Owak, an associate of Mr Oginga Odinga the former Vice-President

Chemical spill Amsterdam (AP) - The city

water authority balted the intake of water from the Rhine because of its pesticide content after a spill at a West German chemical plant.

Nazi files trial West Berlin - Four men charged in connection with

the theft of 4.000 Nazi files

from the Berlin Document

Centre went on trial here.

China millions Peking (AFP) - The growing private business sector has created several millionaires only nine months after being recognized under the Consti-

tution, the China Daily said.

Tamil guerrillas take power

by the total absence of reliable

Mr Rahman, whose prgan-

data on population.

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Eighteen months ago, Lieuten-ant-General Nalin Seneviratne was commander of the Sri Lankan Army, matching his wits against Tamil guerrillas. including members of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Froot, who were fighting violently for a sepa-rate state called Eelam.

Yesterday at Trincomalee. as Governor of the combined Northern and Eastern provinces, he swore in 37 members of the Front, and 27 members of another guerrilla group, as members of the newly constituted provincial council.

The 17 members of the Sri Lankan Muslim Coogress and the solitary member of Presi-

dent Jayewardene's United before President Jayewardene on Friday.

National Party who also won seats in provincial council elections last month did not attend the ceremony. There was tight security by the 50,000-strong Indian

peacekeeping force which is in the provinces to disarm the main guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The Tigers had threatened to disrupt the polls but the voters of the Eastern Province dealt their prestige a blow by turning up in strength.

The new Chief Minister of the Northern and Eastern provinces is Mr Annamalai Varatharajah Perumal, aged 35, who will be sworn in He said that separatism was

never their slogan: "What we fought for was the right to selfdetermination for the Tamil people and the recognition of our people's integrity and dignity by the (majority) Sinhala leaders, and autonomy for our region." He believes that with co-

operation peace will return to the battle-scarred north and east. He has appointed a Sinhalese and a Muslim as Cabinet ministers, perhaps to show that he wants all communities to take part in the life of the Northern and

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DIARY

DAVID WALKER

the same set of hard envers, albeit

diplomatically separated by several hundred pages of academic teasing over the

question of whether Keynes's General Theory is still relevant fifty years on. The

book. Kernes and Economic Policy (Mac-

millan) by Walter Eltis and Peter Sinclair, is the fruit of a National Economic Dev-elopment Office symposium organized by

Eltis and John Cassels. On the evc of his

return to Downing Street the professor

delivers an academic expose designed to show the importance of money and show up

the Keynesians. He does not resist the

templation to have a dig at the 364 signatories of the famous 1981 letter to The

The Chancellor goes in for some auto-hiography, recalling his "endearingly eccen-tric" Oxford economics tutor. Sir Roy

Harrod. Keynes's friend and hiographer: the first thing he gave the young Nigel to read was the wartime coalition government's

Keyncsian text, Employment Policy. His mind was turned: he records that his con-

version to the views he now holds did not occur until some ten years later. Keynes, none the less, gets a Lawson rebuke for his "somewhat cavalier attitude" to inflation. Connoisseurs of political code will relish the

Chancellnr's aside (the European Monetary

System perhaps in his mind), that the Breiton Woods system of agreed exchange rates was good for discipline.

t runs in families. Liz Symons's father.

Sir Ernest Symons, was one of the biggest of big wheels in the thland

Revenue. In the New Year (ballot permit-

ting) Miss Symons moves from the Inland Revenue Staff Federation to become general

secretary of the First Division Association,

which incorporates the union representing

the tax inspectors. Whitehall is thus home

turf fur her. She joined the Civil Service as

an administration trainee before moving

into trade unionism, where she has a

reputation as a tough pay negotiator and a scourge of the Militants in the clerical unions. As a trainee she met the woman who

now presides over the FDA. Alex Brett-

Holt, an Environment Department official;

Miss Symons will have to rely on her for

support as she puts through what could be a

traumatic programme of modernization of

been backed by one of the finest examples of a public service tradition that has now

pretty much ended. Sitting along the corridor during Liverpool's years of crisis was Michael Reddington, then the city treasurer, later the chief executive. When he

retires this month, it will be with the

knowledge - however scant the apprecia-

tion he has had - that Liverpool was kept

affoat thanks largely to his efforts with the

hrokers and fellow treasurers, his work with

the district auditor under trying circum-

stances and his capacity to stomach the

vagaries of Derek. Big Tony and their crew.

A Livergudlian council official since the

carly 1950s. Reddington never lost the near-

fatalist good humour the city breeds. Now

that Liverpool has disappeared off the map

of national politics, his retirement is in

BARRY FANTONI

Personally, I prefer my junior

briefs include planning for civil emer-gencies. But let him tell it (as he did at a

"It was only two months ago that Cosmos

1900, a Russian nuclear-powered satellite.

eonference the other day).

ord Ferrers is the Minister for

Disasters. That's tn say, he is a junior

minister at the Home Office whose

danger of passing unnoticed.

erek Hatton and his Militant friends

would never have got half-way towards credibility if they hadn't

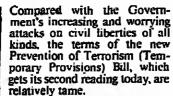
the FDA's antiquated administration.

Tigel Lawson and Sir Alan Walters reconciled? Well, not quite But

"I replied that I hoped Black Rod would remember the common courtesies of life and would find the time - and the resourcefulness - at least to say 'Cheerio

T ir Brian Haves, permanent secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, is becoming a is becoming a master at combining the roles of poacher and gamekeeper. By day he is, by his own estimation, an old-fashioned civil servant, certainly not one for the modern cult of personality. But when he gets up on a public plaiform at conferences to which business executives pay considerable sums to be instructed in that delicate subject of "liaison" with Whitehall, he seems quite happy in spill the beans on how to get money out of his own department.

The ealls for Sir Brian to repeat his performances - including a memorable double-header with Michael Heseltine on "lobbying in Whitehall" - are loud. The Royal Institute of Public Administration is trying to book him again to perform on the "aims and objectives of the DTI" - a brave



The fuss earlier this year about

making the existing Act permanent has turned out to be largely misplaced. All that has been done is to drop the absolute fiveyear limitation on the life of the legislation introduced in 1984. The provisions for independent annual review of the operation of the Act, for its annual renewal hy affirmative resolutions in both Houses of Parliament and for the potential omission of any provisions not shown to be necessary are as before. The only permanent part of the legislation will be, as from 1974-1984, those which authorize the renewal or resuscitation of particular powers. And this does not apply to internal terrorism in respect of England, Scotland and Wales.

On other major issues the terms of the new Bill are no worse than those of the Act introduced in 1974. The jusufication for exclusion orders against suspected terrorists from one part of the UK to another are as tenuous now as then. The latest review of the Act by Lord

Tom Hadden examines the new anti-terrorism measures Liberty in the crossfire

Colville last year indicated that retention of these powers can no longer be justified. As in other

In the Immigration Acts, not in the PTA.

The new material in the Bill is places where such powers exist the best-known being Russia and South Africa - the temptation to use them to harass the politically "suspect" rather than to pursue genuine suspicions of involvement in terrorism has been too great for many officers on the ground. Those reasonably suspected of involvement in terrorism can be arrested in any event.

Nor has any attempt been made to bring out into the open the major reason for retaining the so-called "port powers" to stop and question or detain people coming from either part of Ireland into mainland Britain. The only real justification for these powers is that they allow British immigration controls to be operated at ports of entry from Ireland given the absence of effective border controls between Northern Ireland and the Republic. These powers belong

in fact the least objectionable. There is general all-party agreement that something needs to be done to control the flow of funds to terrorist organizations. The detailed provisions of the Bill for obtaining information from banks and other bodies and for the prosecution of those involved in laundering such money appear at first sight to provide some reasonable safe-

caught up. The nature of operations of this kind is such that some shifting of the hurden of proof is unavoidable. But these powers too belong in the ordinary criminal law.

guards for those innocently

The more surprising aspects of this not-so-new Bill are the omissions. There is nothing to indicate how the Government intends to respood to the judgment last week in the European

Court of Human Rights that the seven-day arrest power in the PTA is a hreach of the provision of the European Convention which requires all suspects to be brought promptly before a court. As the Government itself has acknowledged, this judgment was widely expected. The three

main options are: to derogate from the terms of the particular article of the Convention on the grounds of the emergency in Northern Ire-land and thus retain the seven-

day power;

to limit the arrest powers to four days, as under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act in respect of serious offences; • to introduce new provisions for judicial as opposed to execunve supervision of extended detention

The first of these options might be viable within Northern Ireland hut could hardly be justified in the rest of the country. The second may not be proof against turther challenge in Strasbourg given the tight terms of the majority judgment. The third is the best and proper answer. It is a pity that the Government did not introduce the necessary amendments in this Bill.

Another small but surprising omission is of any provision to cover the kind of activity for which the three caught on the estate of Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, were recently convicted. The law here is such that the only serious offence for which they could be charged was conspiracy to murder. Since they were probably collecting information for others, some lesser charge might have caused less difficulty and increased confidence in Ireland. Collecting information for terrorist purposes is already an offence under the Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions Act (EPA) which could usefully have

been incorporated into the PTA.

This example of the strange overlaps and omissions between the emergency provisions in Britain under the PTA and in Northern Ireland under the EPA suggests a linal point. Mani of the provisions of the PTA notably the exclusion powers apply only in respect of "Nonhem Ireland terrorism". But some - such as the general seven-day arrest power - now represent the only major arrest power even in

Northern Ireland. The remainder of the EPA is concerned with the particular rules for the trial of terrorist offences within Northern Ireland and some particular (and insufficiently controlled) powers of short-term arrest and question-

It would make a lot of sense for the whole package of emergency powers for Northern Ire-land to be brought together in a single part of the new PTA. This would allow a single annual. debate for renewal, a single annual review operation and a single set of statistics to be produced. It would also save a good deal of official and parliamentary time and energy. If rerested in civil liberties it might at least be interested in that. The author is Professor of Law at The Queen's University, Beliast.

Emma Duncan

Why Bhutto needs a boost

he West has been lucky in Pakistan. Ten years ago, in Iran, its reward for supporting an unpopular dictator was a revolution and Ayatoliah Khomeini. In Pakistan, it won elections and Benazir Bhutto.

She is a friend worth keeping In the part of the world bounded by the Arabs, Russia, China and South-East Asia, Pakistan is the West's natural ally. Iodia has a long-standing friendship with Russia which dominates its foreign policy. Iran remains unreliable and unstable. Whoever takes over in Afghanistan when the Russians go is not likely to have much control. But if the West wants Pakistan to remain democratic, it will have to match its intentions with hard cash.

The Afghan war has proved Pakistan's usefulness to the West. By allowing the free flow of weapons to the guerrillas, President Zia - killed in a plane crash in August - kept the resistance going. The guerrillas may be fractious and sometimes fratricidal, but their persistence is one factor forcing the Russians

Miss Bhutto has made it plain that she does oot want to disturb her country's close alliance with the West She visited Washington before returning to Paki-stan in 1986; she has high-up American friends: when she was bargaining with the army before being appointed prime minister,

But if the alliance is to remain useful to the West, Miss Bhutto's country must be made to work. She may, io the short term, need some financial help: our old friend Zia has left her a legacy which will be hard to manage Pakistan is much more di-

vided than it was when Zia took over II years ago. Regional and ethnic cracks barely visible then are oow gaping. Zia encouraged such divisions. His prime aim was to stifle nationwide opposition to his rule, embodied by Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP). One way of doing that was to lock up PPP workers. which he did regularly. Another was to foster the sort of tribal politics that divides people by region or language.



That policy was most successful in Karachi - Pakistan's main business centre, eight million strong, and a rich ethnic mixture. The well-educated Mohajirs (the Urdu word for refugee, referring to those who came from India at partition in 1947), were growing discontented with a system of quotas which cut down the oumber of college places and government jobs available to them. With a little government encouragement, a Mohajir political party grew from oothing in two years. In the election, it swept Karachi to become the third biggest party

in parliament. Martial law turned the Karachi hinterland, Miss Bhutto's home province of Sind, against the dominant province of Punjab. Punjabis make up 54 per cent of Pakistan's population, but 90 per cent of the army.

That is a British legacy: according to Raj theory, Punjabi Muslims were one of the martial races, and Sindis were not Siodis who, under Zia, got the sharp end of martial law, saw army rule as Punjahi colonialism. That regional split showed

up in the elections. While Sind threw out all the candidates of the Islamic Democratic Alliance, IDA, (the remains of Zia's government), the IDA woo the provincial election in Punjab. Punjab is suddenly bristling with resentment against the new Sindi prime minister. Miss Bhutto thus has to run a country in which her business centre is controlled by an ethnic party and her biggest province by a fered. chauvinistic opposition.

hese troubles might be

no more than a political challenge were Pakistan not such a violent country. Guns are another of Zia's legacies. Much of the flow of arms intended for the Afghans soaked into Pakistan, and the place is now saturated with Kalashnikovs. Ethnic tension is not a matter of sending your children to separate schools. About 1,000 people have been killed this year in violence between different groups. Rocket launchers are used in Karachi, five miles from the plate-glass windows of American Express.

According to one of Karachi's top policemen, ordinary crime has increased 30-fold in the city in five years. Kidnapping and armed robbery are commonplace; the perpetrators often off-duty policemen. In parts of Sind the administration has given up and either the army or the bandits run the countryside. Private security firms have

Economic growth damps down potential political sparks. Pakistao's record under Zia looks admirable. An average annual growth rate of 6.7 per cent in 1980-1987 put it among the highest in Asia, just below Taiwan and above Singapore. But much of the growth stemmed from remittances from Pakistanis working io the Gulf oil states. Those are now falling hy 10 per cent a year. The Americans, with half-hearted Pakistani support, are now with some success starting to crush the trade in heroin, of which Pakistan became the world's largest exporter. At the same time, the aid money that came to support Pakistan's stance as a

cut the military budget would be to invite back martial law and

been getting, but shift their donations into concrete invest-

ment projects so that the money

does not disappear down the

general administrative drain. Miss Bhutto believes that to has, unwisely, given the public great expectations. Her mani-festo promised a Christmas stocking of reflationary goodies which she cannot afford. She will instead have to raise taxes quickty. In a country as volatile as hers that may mean trouble; and trouble in Pakistao overturns governments easily.

iss Bhutto's antecedents do not make her the most attractive of leaders. "Bhuttoism", she claims, is her creed; hut Bhuttoism as practised by her father in the 1970s was heavyhanded socialism with a strong flavour of thuggery. Her pragmatism, however, suggests that she does not take his policies seriously, and she insists that she has no plans for revenge.
But whatever Miss Bhutto

means, the revival of democracy she represents is the best thing that Pakistan's Western allies could hope for. What could replace it? An Islamic state. perhaps; the fundamentalists. though consistently crushed in elections, are the best-organized and best-armed street politicians. The ethnic and regional cracks may widen, and Pakistan's hatred could pull the country apart. More likely, enough trouble on the streets would bring back martial law. Soldier-dictators are oot the best allies: they are usually unpopular and sometimes die suddenly.

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When Western aid donors meet in April to ponder Pakistan, the Russians should have gone and Pakistan's immediate strategic importance will have to be faced. But the donors should remember that Pakistan is still our best regional friend - if it can be made to work.

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Commentary • ROBERT JACKSON

Hijacked by the left

"Enablement" hids fair to become the latest political huzzword, along with its macho twin 'empowerment", and the more diffident "entitlement". Paddy Ashdown's discourse is peppered with these expressions, and they are to be found increasingly on the lips of the trendier thinkers on the left,

from Bryan Gould to the col-umnists of Marxism Today. The words originate, in fact, in criticism by the free-market right of economic collectivism and socialized welfare. The principle behind "enablement" is that the state can best achieve its economic and social objectives by enabling consumers to purchase goods and services rather than by owning industries and providing services itself.

Ashdown put it clearly in a recent interview with The In-dependent: "We must seriously rethink whether or not the state and, indeed, government at a local level, have to go on in the present circumstances fulfilling the role of monopoly provider

... If you could define entitlements and attach them to individual citizens, then the role of the state . . . would change from mopopoly provider . . . to an organisanoo which ensures distribution, regulates quality, and funds the system in the first place."

Certainly, the centre and the left need a new theme as they cootemplate the irreversibility of privatization and the widespread scepticism towards many publicly provided services. But is this a theme they can run with? There are formidable prob-lems here for left-inclined think-

ers. For a start, what happens to

equality under a regime of

makes clear, the classical notions of state ownership and state provision were associated with the idea of monopoly sanctified hy democratic accountability. Even such a "modernist" Labour thinker as Roy Hattersley favours extending this monopoly throughout education and the health services. The reasoning has been that state monopoly guarantees oot only universality of coverage hut also equality of access, and even of outcome: it prevents "social divisiveness".

The truth is that enablement,

like other concepts, has its own logic. One element is diversity: enabled to choose between competing suppliers, customers will make different choices leading to varying results. Thus diversity leads inexorably to inequality.

Take housing. The classical left approach was to provide publicly-owned housing, subsidized without regard to the condition of the occupant. Enablement accepts the end of state housing but attaches public subsidy to the occupant rather than to the property. If the subsidy is oot restricted to the payment of rent - and why should it be? - some occupants will use it to enable them to buy the property, appropriating its capital appreciation for themselves. Those who use the subsidy only to pay rent will forfeit this opportunity, putting them-selves, or their children, at a

It is the same with education. Enablement leads us away from state provision to parental choice. The centre-left is even beginning to look with interest' on vouchers for education. But

disadvantage.

as the opposition argued in the debates on the Education Reform Act, freer parental choice is bound to lead to unequal outcome. Family A will choose discriminatingly, or top up its youther. Family B will fail to do so. The result greater inequality.
Then there is another prob-

lem: enablement marks a shift of perspective from the collective to the individual. But in the tradition of the British left, the individual is associated with competition, greed, philistinism, and self-interest. This view of individualism is more than an intellectual perception: it has a powerful moralistic and acsthetic dimension. Conservative thinking has always been realis-tic about the part played hy selfinterest in human affairs - as it has about the inevitability of inequality. It chooses to work with the grain of human nature, to strengthen the ties which cut across distinctions of status and class. And it has a richly developed discourse intended to show, to quote Pope, how "true selflove and social are the same": the Hurd-Baker concept of the "active citizen" is the most recent expression of this tradition.

By contrast, the wavering fortunes of Bryan Gould's and Roy Hattersley's attempts to reconcile the puritan heritage of British socialism with Croslandtte hedonism shows that it will oot be easy for the centre-left to work out a new philosophy which gives a more balanced account of the individual

The left's problem with assimilating the new principle of enablement goes deeper than the merely theoretical. The end o state provision creates oppor-

tunities for subsidies to selected consumers. Electioneering will thus produce a rash of interesting ideas for new entitlements. But by the same token, if the state stops providing services there will be fewer opportunities for subsidizing producers. By its constitution the Labour Party is locked into supporting producer-interests. And one of the key constituencies to which the Democrats are looking is among the producers of public services disgruntled by the impact of growing consumer choice.

Enabling means siding with the consumer rather than with the producer - perhaps even ainst the producer. Io the field of health, the logic of enablement is one of helping (selected) individuals to huy health care from a variety of competing suppliers. The old paradigm of a "free" state service, with a monopoly of provisioo rationed by the producers of that service, is replaced by a new model of state-assisted choice. When consumers reject shoddy services, thus rendering them redundant, which side will Labour and the Democrats be oo?

The problem with words is that they mean more than politicians often want them to mean, Enablement is such a word, with a meaning, pedigree, and logic which cannot be discarded at the politician's convenience. The problem for those on the centre and left who are struggling to find a new language more in tune with the times is that enablement is part of the vocabulary of Thatcherism

The author is Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Higher EduON THIS DAY

The important part played by flying boats in the development of long-distance flying years ago is hard to overestimate. Two famous British firms, Firths, the steelmakers, and Short Brothers, of Rochester, pioneer of all-metal flying-boat design, are seen here in natural co-operation.

threatens to vanish with the

though somebody else was signing the cheques. The debts to

foreign bankers are not quite

Latin American in scale, but the

budget deficit is worrying. The

government has borrowed

mostly from the public, in high-

charges are crippling. Around 80

per cent of the current budget

goes in debt servicing and mili-

Just before the elections, the

previous government signed a

package with the International

Monetary Fund agreeing to

exceedingly tough cooditions in

return for a cheap \$1 billion loan

over three years. Miss Bhutto

will now try to renegotiate the cooditions. While she must rec-

ognize that she needs some

austerity, the IMF should under-

stand her political difficulties

The donor countries will be

meeting in April to talk about hilateral aid. They should top up

the multilateral money at least to

the \$1 billion a year Pakistan has

and offer some leeway.

tary expenditure.

Zia's government spent as

Russians from Afghanistan.

STAINLESS STEEL FOR AIRCRAFT (From Our Aeronautical Correspondent)

A revolutionary advance in the construction of British flying-boats is now being made by the substitution of stainless steel plating for the former duralumin sheet up to the water line, and the effect of this change will be that British flying-boats will now be practically indestructible by corrosion. They will have a longer hull life than a ship, and that without the continual repainting associated with marine vessels.

No other nation in the world has tackled the difficulties in the way of using high-tensile steel plates for the whole bottom of a flying-boat hull and the chines up to the maximum water line, and it is only now, as a result of much research work by English steelmakers and flying-bost constructors, that the problem of producing the right quality of steel and acquiring the necessary technique to work it successfully has been solved. Hitherto duralumin sheet has been exclusively used, and as this alloy is easily worked it has been a compar atively simple matter to beat it into the precise curves needed to secure the best water lines for least resistance; but duralumin is

prone to sea-water corrosion,

and, while great advances have

been made in prolonging its

water life, the flying-boat designer has been casting longing eyes at stainless steel for many years. The nider stainless stee were not proof against corrosion in sea water, but T. Firth and Sons, who have made a special study of stainless and other steels for aircraft use, have evolved a nickel chromium steel which is definitely resistant to sea-water

This is a grade of Staybrite high-tensile steel, and as weight is important in aircraft a thin plate was needed, because steel has a density three times that nf duralumin. As it is also what is known as an austenitic steel, that is, it becomes harder with cold rolling, one of the problems was how to roll this steel in plates as thin and as large as the aircraft constructor needed. None of the existing mills was stout enough to roll the required size of sheet in steels with maximum stresses of from 60 up to nearly 100 tons, so Firth and Sons installed special mills to turn out the required

Then Short Brothers, of Rochester, who were already pioneers in all-metal flying-boats and had been pressing the steel-makers for stainless plates, again carried out more pioneer work in developing the workshop technique required to mould this plate to the flying-boat hull shape. They have so far succeeded that to-day they definitely adopted steel plated hulls up to the water line for all their new construction, and are, in fact, the first British firm to have built a steel plated hull. The Supermarine Aviation Works, o Southampton, have now also

adopted steel plating. The advantages are immense, for the underwater portion of the hull becomes practically everlasting, and even the thinner steel plate will be more resistant to physical damage than the softer although thicker duralumin



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TRAVEL QUESTIONS

President Gorbachov sets out today on a three-country journey which will take him for the first time to the United Nations and Cuba and for the third time to Britain. The itinerary may look as though it was dictated largely by convenience, but it offers, perhaps co-incidentally, a skeleton of the Kremlin's new political thinking" abroad and a neat illustra-tion of its global dimensions.

Mr Gorbachov's arrival at the United Nations will symbolize the Soviet Union's changed attitude to the UN and to international organizations generally. In the nearly four years that he has been in power, the Soviet leader has tried, with some success, to turn the Soviet Union from an international spoiler into an international participant.

Having once eschewed organizations like the IMF, GATT and scientific bodies which were ideologically not to its liking or where its influence was circumscribed, Moscow seems now to recognize that its absence harmed only itself. There are signs, however, that it could see these bodies as forums which could in time limit the international influence of the United States. What Mr Gorbachov has to say from the podium of the UN may show how he hopes to use the enhanced world role he would clearly like for his country.

By visiting the UN, Mr Gorbachov also achieves the feat of seeing the old US President out and the new President in without making the diplomatic concession that a formal visit to Washington would have meant (the Soviet Union is scheduled to host the next superpower summit). New York was an ideal com-

To meet the new President before he has real power is a shrewd political move; it should foster continuity in Soviet-US relations at a time when the Soviet leader has the advantage. It also gives Mr Gorbachov a chance to see the city that has for so long both terrified and tantalized Russians as the embodiment of the American achievement.

In travelling from the UN to Cuba, the Soviet leader signals to Washington that the United States is not always the only reason why a Soviet leader would want to travel westwards. He also restates his country's commitment to a sometimes headstrong ally. What will be said, in public speeches and in private to the Cuban leadership, may show whether Moscow's attitudes to its clients in the less developed world are changing and whether another of the so-called "regional issues" - in Central America — might permit a solution.

That the maintenance of poor, distant and

ideologically zealous allies is a liability Moscow may eventually reconsider has been suggested by a distinct coolness in Soviet dealings with Cuba and Vietnam. Recent Soviet statements about regional prerogatives and the legitimate right of countries to regional security might foreshadow a Soviet willingness to disengage from Central America - at the price, no doubt, of big US concessions elsewhere. How high the price might be set, and whether Moscow would ever willingly sacrifice so valuable a strategic asset, even partially, must be open to doubt.

And so to Britain, where a clearer outline of Mr Gorbachov's strategy towards Western Europe - on economic co-operation, arms control and human rights - may emerge from a concentrated day and a half of talks. While the personal rapport between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov should facilitate productive meetings, the Soviet leader will also know that Britain's Prime Minister is the one he must convince if some of his favourite ideas a nuclear-free Europe, a reduction in conventional weapons, and the Moscow human rights conference - are ever to advance far.

Neither Mrs Thatcher, nor the British public, is likely to be impressed by a challenge to Britain's human rights record through the Irish question. Such a challenge, if it is planned, may anyway be intended primarily for the Soviet audience or as a pretext on which to postpone the Moscow conference on human rights. Quietly, however, the Soviet leader might be instructed in the difference between terrorists convicted in a democratic legal process and political dissenters who have neither used nor threatened violence but have lost their freedom none the less.

The dénouement of the Soviet hijacking incident with the repatriation of the hi-jackers from Israel summarizes many elements of Mr Gorbachov's foreign policy: a more flexible approach to countries which have hitherto been judged too hostile to merit notice, an attempt to project the Soviet Union as a country where civilized values and the rule of law prevail - and a readiness to seize the propitious moment. But would Moscow have been so flexible or shown so civilized a face if Mr Gorbachov had not been about to set out for the United States?

That such questions about motives are still asked is one of the obstacles the Soviet President encounters in presenting his "new political thinking" around the world. But questions there are, and their awkwardness is no reason for not asking them.

THE TRAINING CIRCLE

With the publication yesterday of Mr Norman Fowler's White Paper on employment, the wheel of policy set spinning by his party colleague Lord Carr of Hadley in 1973 has come full circle. Lord Carr's Training Act, which heavily increased state intervention in an arena where previously employers had had considerable autonomy, gave birth to the dirigiste Manpower Services Commission. Earlier this year Mr Fowler killed the MSC and yesterday he went a considerable distance towards reinstating employers as the main actors in the provision of job training.

In doing so he takes a gamble. Lord Carr was motivated to legislative action by the apparent unwillingness of employers to do what was needed to modernize apprenticeship and the means of acquiring vocational skill. Mr Fowler is relying on a transformation of attitudes among employers, a recognition of the demographic changes which will threaten the supply of skilled labour, and a consequent new willingness not only to train their own workforces but to join together in a new network of local committees to train the workforces of competitors as well.

Mr Fowler is not unaware of the problems ahead. The number and volume of his speeches suggests a strong realization that the process of attitudinal change still has some way to go. Once the trade unions, at their conference this autumn, had shown so utterly their refusal to co-operate in Employment Training, the Government had little choice but to go forward - and trust that the time was

The heart of the reform is the replacement of the MSC's network of local committees with Training and Enterprise Councils on which employers will predominate. These will, among other things, run the Employment raming programme for the unemployed cast an eye over local labour markets. Public money will be placed at the disposal of business people who will be required in return to devote themselves to the general welfare, including the welfare of their competitors.

The practical task facing these councils is very great. At one level they will have to have an eye on the local do-it-yourself store's need for shelf-fillers; at another to worry whether the local further education college is turning out enough electronic engineers. They will work alongside the industrial training boards, which are to become voluntary clubs of employers. Meanwhile alongside the Training and Enterprise Councils, city technology colleges are coming on stream, the Open College is (just about) opening, and the youth training scheme

It will inevitably seem to some as an untidy jumble of programmes. There will be problems of Whitehall co-ordination as well as business readiness. It is important that employers, and, in particular, their umbrella organizations such as Chambers of Commerce, react quickly to the opportunity that the Government has given.

EGGS AND THE MINISTER

The current ill-humour of the House of Commons was confounded yesterday by an unstoppable combination - Mrs Edwina Currie and eggs. Why eggs should be so funny to Mr Kenneth Clarke and his fellows is not fully clear. Why the subject of Mrs Currie is so amusing is clearer, but not perhaps sufficiently so to justify the jollity of the chamber.

Eggs are a serious business - a point repeatedly made by members from eggproducing constituencies. This nation consumes 30 million eggs a day (9,000 million so far this year).

Mrs Currie is a serious politician — certainly to Conservative colleagues who resent her ease of access to the popular press. So her claim that most of the egg production in this country is affected" by salmonella was vigorously rejected by the producers and only superficially defended by her boss, Mr Clarke.

Once the gales of parliamentary laughter have subsided, an issue remains. True, in the daily diet of mass egg-eaters an infection of 1.000 people must be put into some kind of perspective. But it is too much infection none the less - and too much confusion as well.

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This year there have been 46 reported outbreaks of salmonella poisoning in which a connection with eggs has been epidemiologically proven to the satisfaction of the Department of Health. About 1,000 people have been affected. As the number of reported cases of food poisoning is usually only a fraction of the total, the national incidence is probably very much higher.

Food poisoning has been on the increase for some years, and not only in Britain. The most notable rise has been in a strain called salmonella enteritidis, which accounted for 9 per cent of all reported cases in 1982 but as many as 49 per cent so far this year. Two out of every three cases of salmonella enteritidis bave been further identified as a sub-species called phage type 4 which is associated especially with poultry. This can infect hens' reproductive organs, which suggests one possible link to the present worry over contaminated eggs.

These statistics are enough to explain why both the Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture are concerned. Nor are they alone in the world. In the United States and parts of Europe too, similar developments have prompted varying responses from public health authorities.

For the last six months egg-eaters have been bombarded by conflicting advice. What has led to this confusion is the continuing argument over risk assessment. The British Egg Information Service which represents the industry, has understandably tried to play down the public threat. The industry argues that the risk of one being poisoned by eggs is at least 200 million to

But what has emerged since the first reports from the Public Health Laboratory in June has been a sporadic flow of public advice from the department (first warning against the use of raw eggs, then the consumption of those which have been only lightly cooked), interpersed by reassurances from the industry and, what the industry calls "scare stories" in the press.

The statement by the Secretary of State for Health in the Commons yesterday was welcome. So too was guidance which was issued for poultry farmers.

It must be hoped that the working party which was established in August to investigate the outbreaks in more detail can quickly identify and eliminate the threat. While Mrs Currie may not be precisely vindicated, she will live to fight another day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Transport planning and investment Benefits from routine Aids testing

single Parliament?

Yours etc., ROBERT ADLEY,

November 29.

House of Commons.

cities - but only just!

From Mr Michael Welbank
Sir, Although transport and, in
particular, roads are currently
somewhere near the top of the

political agenda, the issues are fudged. It is the Dunkirk spirit-

which keeps traffic moving in our

In London, the vacuum created

by the demise of the GLC has been

filled, unwillingly and unwittingly, by the Department of Transport. Excellent as they may be in

implementing road programmes, they are no strategists. No one ever asked them to be. Indeed

their remit from Parliament limits

them to building roads to meet

demand rather than deploying

their investment resources to bring about a London renaissance.

investments are such that they

should be embracing a strategy

which helps to shape a future visioo of London rather than just trying to meet existing demand —

often in fact an impossible process

or at a price society will not accept. Road programmes without a strategy context — and a strategy fully

understood by the public - can be

Alas, no strategy exists, neither

is there any clear ongoing public debate on this issue at the mo-ment, only a war between conflict-

ing pressure groups. The Times, in fact, has been leading the field

over the last few months with articles from Sir Peter Impert, with the street view, and from Professor Peter Hall, with the jet-

setting American viewpoint, but Sir Colin Buchanan so far ("Jam

today and tomorrow", November 22) is the only contributor to the

debate with a coherent philos-

The debate must go on and a socially-acceptable transport strat-

egy for our urban conurbations

found. Pragmatism is not good

enough when the future of our

cities, and our countryside, is at

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WELBANK,

Saltisford, Warwickshire.

Director, Shankland Cox Ltd, Birmingham Road,

this country responded to Belgium's cry for help in 1914.

Our doors were flung open to

receive the wounded - our VRD

nurses rushed to buildings turned into emergency hospitals and tended the Belgian wounded—our doctors slaved all hours of the days and nights to treat the

wounded, and when they reached the convalescent stage our homes

were opened to them, and they

What do we feel now, after this slap in the face? "Shame on you,

Sir, t was amazed, once more, that

documents in connection with the

application for an extradition

warrant were incorrectly pro-cessed (report, November 30).

One would have thought that

extreme care would have been

exercised in view of the importance of the Ryan case.

t would suggest that the anger

Mrs Thatcher was alleged to have

directed against the Irish Govern-ment should first be expressed

against the department respon-

sible for drawing up the necessary

cidentally, embarrassed me by

Later the occupation of Eritrea by Ethiopian military forces was widely condemned. Civil war

followed and continues to this

day, absorbing vast resources which could otherwise be used for

The UN should establish

buffer force, as in the case of the

frootiers of Israel and Syria/Lebanon If Russia is sincere in

her desire for world peace she should support the UN initiative

and bring pressure to bear oo the

Marxist government of Ethiopia.

documents inaccurately.

Flat 2, 4 Arundel Terrace,

addressing me in French.

Yours sincerely, DENNIS B. SEIGAL,

Brighton Sussex.

peaceful purposes.

Yours farthfully,

Broadwell House,

November 29.

Lechiade, Gloucestershire.

C. F. COX,

November 30.

were given love and friendship.

Trowswell, Goudburst, Kent.

From Mr D. B. Seigal

Belgium". Yours faithfully,

I. W. STEAD.

November 30.

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stake.

The scale and impact of their

From Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch (Conservative) Sir, Public transport and party politics make uneasy bedfellows. Your correspondence columns echo the widespread aggravation that effectively mirrors the prob-lem. In a nutshell, Conservative government has created economic prosperity, yet is encompassed in a philosophy which rejects "plan-ning" or "interventioo". Conversely, Labour governments believe in planning and intervention, but have failed to nurture the seeds of economic success with which to implement them within a climate of economic growth.

Can this country equip itself with the best of both worlds, namely a government which cre-lates the economic growth and which recognises the role of transport planning and long-term investment?

Excruciating traffic jams, com-bined with death and injury on the roads, are, it seems, the price we must pay for the "freedom of the motorist". Ever more crowded trains and inadequate investment in our railways are at least minigated by safety on the tracks, a one-clause Bill to subject road traffic to the same safety disciplines as the railways would save 5,000 lives a year. But who is prepared to value human life so highly against personal inconve-

Until a notional "British Roads Ltd" is costed identically with "British Railways Ltd", we shall not begin to resolve the problems. If country lanes were subjected to the same financial criteria as country railway lines, most would be "closed". Legislation which has allowed, even encouraged, com-muter coaches to clog London's streets, creating traffic conditions described as "horrendous" by the Metropolitan Police, is a primary factor in generating congestion, in perpetuating unfair competition, and in causing pollution. Why does a Fiat Panda pay £100 roadfund tax, a 53-scater coach pay £85?

"Consensus" remains a dirty word to many of my par-liamentary colleagues. The alternative, in transport terms, is congestion. Surely politicians of all hues could experiment by seeking agreed solutions for longterm investment policies in trans-port infrastructure, with com-

Ryan extradition case From M Georges-Henri Beauthier Sir, I wish to comment oo the report of a telephone interview with me which you published on November 29, concerning the British request for the extradition of Patrick Ryan.

In response to a precise ques-tion, I replied as best I could in English that the decision taken by the Belgian Government was an act of government. As such, it was political decision, founded on juridical arguments.

I added that the lawyers were glad to note that their arguments had been accepted and that the Belgian Government had taken account of two French refusals of extradition based on the same TERSONS.

I further added, basing myself on an Amnesty International report, that if I am to regard the United Kingdom as a democracy, human rights did not seem to me to be guaranteed, in so far as Irish citizens are concerned. Yours faithfully.

GEORGES-HENRI BEAUTHIER, Rue Berckmans t02, Brussels t060, Belgium. November 30.

From Mr J. W. Stead Sir, Your second leader on November 29, "A blow from Belgium", is too mild in condemnation of the way we have been treated. Some of us are old enough to remember how we in

Action on Ethiopia From Brigadier Charles Cox Sir, Mr Basil Davidson (Novem-

ber 25) is right to condemn the Ethiopian military regime, sup-ported as it is by the USSR and financed, indirectly, by Western aid for famine victims. It is right, however, to expect additional action by the EEC, including Britain. Surely, this a matter for the UN?

As the commanding officer of the last British Army battalion in Eritrea I accompanied the chief commissioner from Asmara to Addis Ababa in 1952 to implement the decision by the UN at the end of the British mandate to federate Eritrea with Ethiopia. We were received in his palace by the Emperor Haile Sclassic who, in-

Art for export

From Mr Keith Jeffery

Sir, The Mappa Mundi con-troversy highlights the woefully inadequate nature of the regulations governing the export of works of art. No other country in Europe with a major cultural heritage to protect has such a haphazard system. It is incooccivable that such a treasure would be allowed to leave Spain, France, Italy, or Greece.

Even if the Government's advisers have declared an object to be of prime national importance, it can still be lost unless a public collection can match the sale price. That price can be grossly inflated by extraneous factors, and the chance incidence of works on the market can mean that a major fund-raising effort to save one virtually ensures the loss of another. The country is thus in a very real sense being held to

ransom for the retention of its own art treasures.

The time has surely arrived for the Arts Minister to draw up a list of objects the export of which would be prohibited. Were the list to be a short one, confined to objects of supreme importance. London's position as the world's most flourishing art market need not be materially damaged. Yours faithfully, KEITH JEFFERY, North Grange, Langley Park, Wexham, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas Sir, The objects for which the Dean and Chapter at Hereford Cathedral are prepared to sell their Mappa Mundi are in some cases not only unnecessary but undesirable. One is a great stone platform covering the area under the central tower to house a nave altar. This has greatly opset the Friends of Hereford Cathedral.

mitment beyond the length of a From Professor J. E. Banatvala and others
Sir, Whilst we agree with Dr
David Owen (November 30) that
routine testing for HIV would provide a much more accurate picture of the distribution of this virus in Britain, constraints imposed by various pressure groups are unfortunately limiting the number of persons tested in highrisk groups. In our view, if routine

testing were to be made man-

datory, all hospitals would have to

comply, lest patients who did not

wish to be tested went elsewhere. Dr Owen draws an analogy with testing for syphilis, which is carried out routinely in certain groups of people without informed consent. However, syphilis can be successfully treated, hereas current chemotherapy for HIV, although improving the quality of life, does not as yet lead to its significant prolongation, and is associated with unpleasant and occasionally life-threatening side

Let it be hoped that treatment which will overcome these problems will become available, at which time there can be little doubt that all who are at risk from HIV will want to be tested so that they can be treated.

Until then, anonymized testing carried out in certain geographical areas and in key population groups will provide information relating to the spread of infection in the community. By this means it will be possible to monitor heterosexual transmission of HIV and quantitate the spread of HIV 2, the second strain, since, should this occur to a significant degree, it will be necessary to extend tests for diagnosis and screening to include this virus. This informatioo is vital for ensuring that education is directed towards high-risk groups at the appropriate

Although it must be conceded that anonymized testing has some disadvantages, since it is not possible to trace individuals found to be positive and to counsel them, the method avoids the potential bias inherent in any voluntary system, since many who are likely to be adversely affected will not consent to being tested. Yours faithfully,

J. E. BANATVALA, FELICITY NICHOLSON, ANTHEA TILZEY, St Thomas' Hospital Department of Virology, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1. December 1.

From Professor M. D. Vickers Sir, I can assure your readers that "the leaders" of the medical profession to whom Dr David Owen appeals for a reappraisal of

their attitude to routine tests for the Aids virus are completely out of tune with the opinions of the majority of doctors whom they I heard Dr Owen make the same

points in his John Snow lecture to the Association of Anaesthetists last September. Far from the oppositioo which he anticipated, he was met with the most thunderous spontaneous applause t have heard for such a normally restrained andience.

Of course the key is total confidentiality of the test result and of the counselling that fol-lows. The leaders of the hospital consultants have already been driven by the attitude of the BMA Council to obtain a second legal opinion. John Snow and the other Victorian fathers of public health would have been appalled by the BMA proposal, which is simply not in the public interest. I have no doubt that Dr Owen's views would command wide support in the profession.
Yours sincerely,

M. D. VICKERS, University of Wales College of Medicine, Department of Anaesthetics, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, South Glamorgan. November 30.

From the Director of the National Blood Transfusion Service Sir. Dr Owen's comments with respect to the policy adopted by the National Blood Transfusion Service are not exactly correct, nor is the conclusion he draws.

Before a blood donation is collected a donor receives a leaflet in which it is stated that

... tests are done in the laboratory after you give blood. These include a test for antibodies to the Aids virus to which donors are asked to agree. This is coofirmed at the bloodcollection session, when donors are asked to sign to agree to the

The introduction of anonymised testing will not affect the policy of the transfusioo service and every effort will continue to be made to follow up those doors who are found positive for HIV antibody for further tests and confidential counselling. To abandon this action would, indeed, be detrimental to the health of donors and to patients requiring the transfusion of blood and blood products. Yours faithfully, HAROLD H. GUNSON,

National Director, National Blood Transfusion Service, Gateway House, Piccadilly South, Manchester.

November 30.

Bid for Collins From Mr Anthony Forrester

and others Sir, The recent takeover bid for William Collins plc by Rupert Murdoch's News International (reports, November 18, December 2) is not something that should be

allowed to pass without comment. That the independence of a UK-owned and managed publisher is threatened by such a conglomerate can only bode ill for Collins employees and authors. Collins publishes a range of high-quality titles that reflect its independent commitment to dev-

elopment and innovation in the field of English-language teaching. As authors of English-langua teaching books for Collins we feel that this commitment will suffer should Collins lose its indepen-

Music's soft sell From Mrs J. Merz

Sir, John Pink (December t) is lucky that, for him, the beauty of a good tune will be remembered when the product is forgotten", and that Verdi's "Prisoners' Chorus" will not, in future, always make him think of British Air-

Some of us are less fortunate. For instance, I shall never again be able to listen to Eigar's Cello Concerto without being reminded, maddeningly, of John Mortimer's TV serial, Paradise Postponed, and of cosy, middle-class Henley, rather than the desolate land-scapes and wasted lives of the First

"A signature tune for the Inland Revenue?", asks John Pink. No, I say, unless they can write their own tune and not pinch someone else'sl

Yours faithfully, JOHANNA MERZ, 14 Whitefield Close, Putney, SW15.

Only a few years ago a previous dean and chapter controversially removed Skidmore's screen to improve the view of the east end and now it is being blocked up again. The chained library has had a satisfactory home inside the cathedral for centuries - a home that is now as much a part of the heritage as the books and manuscripts; but the Dean and Chapter want to create a new building outside the cathedral which is sure to be controversial.

They suffer from a common clerical disease these days - the itch for change. Yours faithfully IVOR BULMER-THOMAS (Honorary Director, Friends of Friendless Churches), 12 Edwardes Square, W8.

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Old Town, Eastbourne, East Sussex. December 3.

Ancestral voices From Mr John Hutton

Sir, Your report, "Britons' lan-guage letdown" (November 26), confirms that young Britons, like their parents, are not much good at foreign languages compared with their European counterparts. Would it not be a good idea to vary our diet of TV "soaps" beyond their present mix of English regional, North American, or Aussie accents? An offering of German, French, ttalian, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, and Danish "soaps", suitably subtitled, could both diversify our viewing and prepare us for 1992 and beyond.

If the French can take 'Allo 'Allo! and the Dutch love Dad's Army, surely we should be offering some reciprocity of cultural viewing in exchange. Yours faithfully, JOHN HUTTÓN,

25 Lambridge Wood Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, November 27.

Happy landings

From the Duchess of Devonshire Sir, If Mr Michael Ross (December 1) travelled often to Leeds he would discover that "to land" is northern English for "to arrive".

Some years ago Lucian Freud was painting the walls of a room in this house. He worked at night and was visited every evening by the night watchman, who always started the cooversation with "Oh, so you've landed, then". Yours faithfully, DEBORAH DEVONSHIRE. Chatsworth.

Bakewell, Derbyshire. December 2.

From Mr Arthur Duggan Sir, "Landing" in Newcastle is surely preferable to "terminating" in Liverpool, the oormal expression used as the toterCity from Euston pulls into Lime

Yours faithfully ARTHUR DUGGAN. 35 Springcroft, Parkgate, South Wirral, Merseyside.

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COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and President, attended a dinner for the Coal Trade Benevolent Association at the Connaughi Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

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The Duchess of York this evening visited the Wilson Ward at The Royal Marsden Hospital and afterwards attended a Christmas Concert performed by the Choir of King's College School, Wimbledon, at St Luke's Church, London, in aid of The Royal Magades Hospital Cancer Eund Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund. Her Royal Highness was re-ceived oo arrival by the Chair-man of the Board of Governors (Mr Marmaduke Hussey). Mrs John Floyd and Captain William McLean were in

CLARENCE HOUSE December 5: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mnther this evening honoured the Colonels of Cav-alry Regiments with her pres-

Birthdays today Mr Jack Ashley, CH, MP, 66; Mr David Barons, racehorse trainer, 52; Mr Dave Brubeck, musician, 68; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell, 59; Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, 64; Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, former MP, 60; Lord Emslie, 69; Earl Granville, 70; Mr Derek Hill, exhibition organiser, 72; Sir William Kes-wick, former chairman, Matheson and Company, 85; Mr Jonathan King, broadcaster, 44; Sir Richard Lloyd, joint chair-man, Hill Samuel and Com-pany, 60; the Right Rev Eric Marcer, former Bishop of Exesurgeon-gynaecologist to The Queen, 64; Sir George Porter, chancellor, Leicester University, 68; Mr Keke Rosberg, racing driver, 40; Sir Bryan Thwaites, former chairman, Wessex Regional Health Authority, 65; Mr Charles Vance,

Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP

director and theatrical producer, 59; the Right Rev Peter Walker,

Bishop of Ely, 69; Mr Peter Willey, cricketer, 39.

Requiem Mass will be cele-brated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday, December 13, at 11am for Sir John Biggs-Davison, Member of Par-liament for Chigwell and Ongar and Epping Forest 1955-88.

ence at Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club. The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in att-

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endance. KENSINGTON PALACE December 5: The Prince of Wales arrived this morning st Teigngrace Station in the Royal

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visited Duchy property in the Central District and stiended a tenants' dinner at the Manor House Hotel, Moreton-

Mr David Landale was in attendance. The Princess Margaret, Count-

ess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher at 10 Downing Street, in honour of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is Pres-Lady Elizabeth Cavendish

was in attendance. The Duke of Gloucester, Pa-tron, Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust, this afternoon received Captain John Stewart nn relinquishing the appointment as Director and Mr Steven Bullock on assuming the appointment.

The Countess of St Andrews gave birth to a son, Lord Downpatrick, in London on Friday, December 2.

marriages

Mr J.D. Magnin and Miss S.J.L. Hare

Barrington Hare, of Beyton, Suffolk.

Mr S.J. Whitehouse and Miss C.M.V. Sergeant

Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Sergeant, also of

BIRTHS: Henry VI, reigned 1422-61, 1470-71, Windsor, 1421; Warren Hastings, first 142t; Warren Hastings, hrst governor-general of India, Chur-chill, Oxfordshire, 1732; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, Si Lé ard, France, 1778; Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, London, 1892; Ira Gershwin, composer, New York, 1896.

DEATHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1779; Anthony Trollope, London, 1882; Jean Louis Blanc, socialist, Cannes, 1882.

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and Miss S.J.L. Hare
The engagement is announced between John Douglas, son of Mrs Kathleen Magnin, of Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire, and the late Mr Douglas Magnin, and Sahra Jane Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.

The engagement is amounced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Whitehouse, of Soliholl, West Midlands, and

Anniversaries

The Irish Free State was pro-

SCIENCE REPORT

Can plankton change the climate?

urces, such as the burning of

man-made emissions are much

higher than those from plank-

ton. Schwartz compared tem-

perature and cloud cover data

collected over the past century

in both the Northern and

Because industrial sulphur

in the north, he expected the

data to differ systematically

between the two hemispheres.

But he found no significant

differences in reflectivity or

temperature between north

and south, as might be ex-

anism. And if man-made

sulphates have no effect, then

the much smaller contribu-

shaky. But Schwartz admits his

There is also, he says,

issions are so much greater

Southern Hemispheres.

living organisms regulate the earth's environment, called the Gaia hypothesis, is threatened by new research which undermines one of the mechanisms by which Gaia is thought to work.

This hypothesis, named after the Earth goddess of ancient Greece, is still not taken seriously by most researchers, but has been gaining limited respectability, particularly when last year researchers for the first time proposed a mechanism to back np the theory. That research was published in Nature on April 16, 1987.

The mechanism rests on the ability of plankton — tiny organisms living in the sunlit surface waters of the oceans to produce a chemical called dimethyl snlphide which escapes to the atmosphere where, with water, it forms

tiny particles of sulphate. Cloud droplets form around these particles and cloud cover increases as a result. So the amount of sunlight reflected back into space increases, with a corresponding decrease in the amount of solar radiation that reaches the Earth's

surface. Stephen Schwartz of the Brookhaven National Labpersuasive evidence that cloud reflectivity increases accordoratory in New York set out to put this mechanism to the test: his work is reported in the ingly. It is hard to see what is wrong with the plankton mechanism Schwartz set out to December 1 issue of *Nature*. mechanism Schwartz set out to He suggests that if sulphate test. It could be that there are

The controversial theory that from plankton can influence other influences on clouds that temperature, then so can mask the cooling attributable snlphate from man-made to sulphate emissions.

But Gaia may yet survive: Tony Slingo of the National fossil fuels — particularly as Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. writes in the same issue of Nature that Schwartz's reflectivity data could be mis-

> Schwartz used brightness as a direct measure of reflectivity; but reflectivity is influenced by several factors such as the gross amount of cloud cover and the amount of water clouds contain. For example, a lot of dim clouds could have the same degree of reflectivity as a few bright clouds. Furthermore, Schwartz's

pected if there were some sulphate-based cooling mechinitial assumption that a century ago, cloud cover in both Northern and Southern Hemispheres was the same may be tions from plankton will have

Finding out what controls cloud reflectivity will need a lot more work before it can be no effect either; the evidence for Gaia begins to look rather used as a reliable guide for testing Gaia. But Schwartz's results are puzzling. There is little doubt that sulphur comwork demonstrates quite pounds form sulphate parti-cles in the atmosphere, and clearly that the Gaia hypothesis provokes researchers to that these particles attract look for the important links between hiological systems and the environment, even water molecules to form clouds. So much is clear. though it is still not accepted in the more select research

> Christine McGourty

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Receptions Prime Minister

Princess Margaret was present at a reception given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher at to Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of the NSPCC. HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception in Edinburgh Castle for the organizers and promoters of the Glasgow Garden Festival. English Speaking Union

English Speaking Union Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, Chairman of the 1987-88 ESU Appeal and Lord Nicholas Hervey, Vice Chairman, re-ceived the guests at a reception held at Dartmouth House last evening. The reception was followed by an auction conducted by the Hon Charles Allsop, of Christies.

The Polish **Cultural Institute** Sir Sigmund Sternberg spoke on 'Changes in Christian-Jewish

Bond winner

Today's royal

The Queen will hold an investi-ture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00; and will attend a luncheon given by the Association of American Correspondents in London at Brown's Hotel at 12.45. As
Patron and Trustee, he will give
a reception for the Friends of the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Scheme at Buckingham Palace at 5.30; and, as Chairman of the Council of "A Celebration of British Food & Farming 1989", he will attend the Farmers' Club

annual dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.45. The Princess of Wales will name a Protector class Customs and

The Whale

Society

Conservation

Dialogue in the Last 50 Years', at the Institute on Monday, December 5. H.E. The Polish Ambassador, Dr Gertych Zbigniew presided.

Bond winner
The winner of the £250,000
prize in the December National
Savings Premium Bond draw is
number 3GK \$80603

Excise vessel at the Fairey Marinteknik Shipyard, Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 11.50. engagements

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a dinner to mark the 125th anniversary of the Danish Club at the Dorchester hotel at

> The Duchess of Gloucester, a Patron of the London College of Music, will attend a concert given in conjunction with the Royal Philharmonic Society at 47 Great Mariborough Street at The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, will visit the Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham, Surrey, at

1 t. t5. Princess Alexandra will open the Richard Dimbleby Day Care

Centre for cancer patients at St Thomas's Hospital at 2.00. Prince Michael of Kent, Commonwealth President the Royal Life Saving Society, will attend the Commonwealth

Council meeting at Canada House, at 3.30.

White Knights

Tickets are now available for the White Knights Ball, to be held white Kinghs Ball, to be need on Thursday, January 5, 1989, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, Wl. Apply to 13 Archer House, Vicarage Crescent, London, SW11. Tel: 01-228 4341. Tickets for dinner and dancing £32, excluding dinner £22. The Whale Conservation Society will be holding their 1st Charity Ball at the Reform Club

Luncheons and dinners

Farmers' Company
Mr A.C. Streeter, Senior Warden of the Farmers' Company,
presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. The Master of the Bakers' Company and the Master of the Fletchers' Company were among the guests.

Service luncheon ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE MARE ST · LONDON E8 4SA

The Queens Regiment Queen Margrethe of Denmark, Allied Colonel-in-Chief of The Allied Colonel-in-Chief of The Queens Regiment, attended a luncheon during her visit to the 1st Battalion of The Queens Regiment in Mooltan Barracks, Tidworth, yesterday. She was received by Brigadier H.C. Millman, Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel J.W. Francis, Regimental Secretary, and Regimental Secretary, and Lieutenant-Culonel C.G.F. Charter, Commanding Officer.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner yesterday evening in Speaker's House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from the United Arab Emirates led by Mr Hilal Lootah, Speaker of the Federal National Council. The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates was present. The other guests were:

High Court Journalists' Association
The Lord Chancellor was the guest speaker at the seventy-fifth anniversary dinner of the High Court Jaurnalists' Associ-ation held last night at the Law

Society. Mr Iain Sutherland, Editor of *The Times Law Report* and chairman of the association, presided. The other guests included:

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wildmon (Vice-Chancellor), Sir Stephen Brown President of the Family Division), Mr Charles Whitcam Smith (editor, The Andreas Whitcam Smith (editor, The Andreas

European-Atlantic Group
The Mexican Ambassador was
the guest of honour at a dinnerdiscussion of the European-

discussion of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at St James's Court Hotel. Lord Rippon of Hexham, chairman, presided and the other speakers included Ambassador William Middendorf and Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. British Institute of Energy

Economics
Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sahah,
Minister of Oil of Kuwait, was
the guest speaker at the annual
joint International Energy dinner held at the Reform Club last
night. Lord Croham, President
of the British Institute of Energy. of the British Institute of Energy Economics, presided. Mr Paul Tempest, chairman, Dr Sub-roto, Secretary-General of OPEC, and Dr Fadhil al-Chalabi, deputy secretary-gen-eral, also spoke. Among others

Sir Alan Marre, President of the last night at the King David Suite. Judge Anthony Tibber also spoke and the guests of honour were Lady Marre and Mr Stanley Clinton Davis.

English Speaking Union Mr Michael Wynne-Parker Chairman of the 1987-88 ESU Appeal presided at a dinner at Dartmouth House last night. The guest of honour was the Hon Charles Allsop. Lord Nicholas Hervey, Vice Chairman of the Appeal and Group Captain David Hicks, Deputy Director General of the ESU of the Commentation and the sectors. the Commonwealth, also spoke. The guests included:

Sir Richard Cooper Sir Richard Cooper gave a dinner for Agriculturalists last night on the occasion of the Royal Smithfield Show. The toast "Agriculture" was pro-posed by the host and replied to by the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture and Food, the

Baroness Trumpington. Service dinners

Cavalry Colonels
Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother was the guest of honour
at the annual dinner of the
Cavalry Colonels held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, chairman, presided. The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, was among

the guests.

1st Battalion the King's Own
Scottish Borderers
Officers of the 1st Battalion the
King's Own Scottish Borderers
held a dinner in Brooke Barracks, on the occasion of St
Andrew's night. The outgoing
Commander Berlin Infantry
Brigade, Brigadier R.F. Powell
was the principal guest.

Royal Smithfield Show results

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Cross-breds by British sires
Heifer not exceeding 1B months: 1
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Sir David Trench, GCMG. He was knighted in 1962 and administration weathered the MC, who died on December 4 the following year was back in pro-Mao troubles carned him at the age of 73, was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong from 1964 to 1971. Part of his tenure was

OBITUARIES

marked by unparalleled

strains as the Chinese cultural

revolution spilled over into

the colony, but his cool han-

dling of the crisis earned him

much acclaim and admiration

as the Governor who defied the thoughts of Mao. When he

left the colony he was praised

as Hong Kong's most popular

David Clive Crosbie Trench

was born at Quetta in 1915,

the son of an engineer in the

educated at Tonbridge School

and Jesus College, Cambridge, where he rowed and played

the Colonial Service he re-

turned to Cambridge for a

year to study social anthropol-

British Solomon Islands

Protectorate in 1938 where his

During the war he served with distinction in the British

Solomon Islands Defence

Force, attaining the rank of

He returned to the Protec-

torate and became Secretary

to the Government, which at

After attachment to the

Joint Services Staff College for

a year, he was transferred to Hong Kong in 1950 as Assis-

tant Secretary. Over the next few years he held a number of

posts including those of De-

fence Secretary and Commis-

Dr George Martin Hinds,

Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cam-

bridge, and one of Britain's

foremost arabists, died on

December 1, aged 47.
Between 1972 and 1975

Hinds combined the role of

project director in Cairo for

the creation of a dictionary of

colloquial Egyptian Arabic

with full-time teaching in

Cambridge. When the work

finally appeared in 1986 it was

immediately recognised as a

model of lexicographical ex-

cellence and a mine of ethno-

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meticulous care with source

material and his affectionate

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historian of medieval Arabic

civilisation which he inter-

preted, as few of his genera-

tion of arabists was able,

Hinds was by training a

In an important way the

graphic data.

gold prospecting site.

Legion of Merit.

reconstruction.

Governor.

Hong Kong as Governor and Commander -in- Chief, succeeding Sir Robert Black. with whom he had worked in the colony for several years.

much respect.

He publicly expressed his

disappointment that the

confrontation with left-wing

extremists absorbed so much

official energy and resources

that the Hong Kong admin-

istration's social and indus-

trial reforms were set back at

From the start of his Gov-

ernorship, Trench was particularly interested in

achieving social reforms. He was a traditionalist who, on

his appointment, said Hone

Kong must remain what it had

been for decades - a haven of

order, progress, stability and hope. But he was deeply

conscious of the problems that

remained - shortage of land, water and raw materials and

the social effects of a growing

population. "We must avoid

self-satisfaction in all fields

and seek constantly for new

and better procedures," he

He furthered many im-

portant projects on the indus-

trial and commercial front, as

well as social projects for more

low-cost housing, better work-ing conditions and improved

Trench had a reputation for

being friendly and approach-

able: his fluency in Cantonese (he also spoke Melanesian

pidgin) enabled him to make

many friends among the Chi-

Kong, Trench became vice-

chairman of the Department

of Health and Social Security

advisory committee on

distinction awards, and busied

himself with many activities

in Dorset, where he lived and of which he was a Deputy

Lieutenant, From 1973 until

1982 he was chairman of the

Dorset Area Health Authority

and was president for Dorset

of the St John Ambulance

He is survived by his wife,

Brigade and Association.

On his return from Hong

educational facilities.

nese community.

least a couple of years.

SIR DAVID TRENCH

Governor of Hong Kong in times of strain

Early in his career, Trench had shown firmness and tact when he was sent to sort out a tronble spot in the Solomon Islands where natives were attacking Europeans and burning houses. These were qualities he was to display in full measure when the political chaos of the Chinese cultural revolution sent out shock waves which disturbed the calmer atmosphere of the



Riots in 1966 were followed by a confrontation with communist extremists who redemonstrations; police battled with mobs in resettlement areas and communists chanted outside the Gov-

DR MARTIN HINDS

mirrored in some of his other work: the important two vol-

umes, produced with col-

leagues, of Arabic documents

sioner of Labour and Mines until his appointment in 1959 as Deputy Colonial Secretary. ernor's residence. In 1961 he was appointed Trench was a quiet, sol-High Commissioner for the dierly administrator and the

Western Pacific Territories, cool way in which he and his

Leading British Arabic scholar His breadth of interests is London, first as a student where he graduated with First Class Honours in Arabic in 1962, and then as assistant

> from the Ottoman period discovered by the Egyptian Exploration Society in 1966 at Qasr Ibrim in Egyptian Nubia and his advisory role in the major ten-part series, The Arabs, for Channel 4. University in Cairo as director. of the Centre for Arabic. Additionally, he had been a major contributor to the Encyclopedia of Islam. He was a member of an international team producing an English

historian, al-Tabari. More recently, he published what he had hoped to be the first of a collaborative series of scholarly monographs with

curiosity and concern for the Patricia Crone. Born in Penarth, Hinds received his early education in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. His

academic career commenced

at the School of Oriental and

lecturer. From 1966 he lectured in Arabic at Cambridge and was made a Fellow of Trinity Hall in 1970. From 1970 to 1972 he returned to the Middle East, based at the American

Studies, responsible for the complete re-organisation of its teaching programme. Hinds' academic career was edition of the tenth century red not merely by the scholarly record, but also by the unflagging energy he in-

vested in promoting the development of Arabic studies in Britain and by his unfailing kindness to students. To his colleagues on three continents his rooms in Trinity Hall were known as an

invariable source of invigorating discussion spiced with an irreverent humour and a ready glass.

through his intimate under-standing of contemporary Middle Eastern society. African studies, University of CHARLIE ROUSE

"The way you bring the people to the music," Charlie Rouse once wrote, "is with the sound, not a cluster of notes." Rouse was referring to the art of his long-time employer Thelonious Monk, but the remark applied equally to his own playing. The tenor saxo-phonist, who has died in Scattle of cancer at the age of 64, evolved a highly distinctive tone which rejected the excesses of belop in favour of a more restrained style, full of unexpected, Monk-derived

The full breadth of his technique was on display last year, when he toured Britain with Stan Tracey's group, a collaboration captured on the studio album, Playin' In The

By the time of his death, Rouse had also finally won recognition from the critical press. During his long tenure with the Thelonious Monk Quartet, from 1959 to 1970, he had generally been dis-missed as a colourless soloist. His main problem, perhaps, was that he had to contend with the reputations of his flamboyant predecessors -Johnny Griffin and John Coltrane, Rouse's understated approach, which owed little to Coltrans's more fashionable innovations, inevitably struck many listeners as an anti-

Born in Washington in 1924, Rouse cut his teeth with the big bands of Billy Eckstine and Dizzy Gillespie before making his recording debut with Tadd Dameron and Fats Navarro in 1947. By the time he joined Monk, he had played with a clutch of leaders played with a clutch of leaders including Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Clifford Brown. He had also co-led his own group, the Jazz Modes, with the horn player Julius Watkins.

The 1960s were, by com-mon consent, not Monk's most fertile period. Rouse's contribution, however, is heard to good effect on such albums It's Monk's Time from 1964, and the 1960 recording



Francisco. The almost eerie empathy between saxophonist and leader is captured on Charlotte Zwerin's documentary Straight No Chaser. screened last month at the London Film Festival. The rare footage includes fascinating scenes from a Columbia recording session at which Rouse patiently extracts arrangements, chord by chord. from a less-than-talkative Monk. Moments later the music is being played to perfection.

After leaving the quartet, Rouse passed through a stagnant period, at one point giving up jazz altogether to take acting lessons. Apart from a brief flirtation with Brazilian music and a group with the cellist Callo Scott, it seemed that he had nothing

more to say.

The turning point came in 1982 with the formation of the cooperative band, Sphere, with pianist Kenny Barron,

drummer Ben Riley (another Monk graduate) and the bass player Buster Williams, By a sad coincidence, the group recorded its first LP, Four In One - a collection of lesserknown Monk pieces - on the very day that its composer died of a brain haemorrhage. The album remains

Sphere's best work, with Rouse sparkling on the titletrack and the ballad "Light Blue". "I never went away from Thelonious's music," he explained later. "I just didn't want to play with another piano player

Over the next six years Sphere provided Rouse with the stability of a working group, allowing him to devole more time to composition. The group appeared at Ronnie Scours in 1984. If the last album to he released in this country, Four For All - recorded in March 1987 - was slightly disappointing, Rouse's own playing was as

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Jesus saith unto Peter the third time. Gamon, son of Johas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved became he said unto him the third lites, Lovest thou me? And be gaid unto him. Lovel thou the? And be gaid unto him. Lovel, thou knowed all thiops; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus said; Food my sheep.

§: John 21: 17

RIRTHS

AGNEW - On December 4th 1988, at Creftwell Hospital, Dumfries, to Catherine (née Palmer) and Richard, a 900.

#AFFLEET - On November 29th, to Janet (née Gordon) and Robin, a daughter, Christine Felicity. CAREY - On November 30th 1988 to Footsie (née Heathcote) and Tim. a daughter, Florinda Elizabeth CHERRY - On November 29th 1988, to Clare (née Morrison) and Richard, a large son, George William Richard. DUMARTHÉRAY · On November 28th, In Paris. to Flora (née van Millingen) and Stéphane, a son, William Jean.

EDWARDS - On November 28th, at Kings College Hospital, to Jennifer, inter Dalla Mura) and Simon, a son, Thomas Henry Charles, a brother to Alice. nation - On December 5th, to Jame (nee Axford) and Peter, a son, Tohy Glies Moreland, a brother for Pia.

Tamara HICKSHER - On December 2nd 1988, at Malmesbury, to Diana (née Gorsky) and Andrew, a son, William David.

NHL. - On December 1st. to Susie (née Alliott) and Jonathan. a daughter. Eleanor Rose. a sister for Alexander and Lucinda. **JOLLINGTON-PICKERING** Friday December 2nd. to Josephina and Eric. a son. Simon Eric Richard James Edwin. a brother for Gernma

and Richard. With grateful thanks to our Constitutis in Harley Street and all at The Portland. LANE - On December 2nd. to Sarah (née Schute) and Paul, a daughter, Emily Muriel. LEBUS - On November 30th, to Lydia (nee Geranty) and Simon, a daughter, sister to Alexander.

MARKHA - On December 4th, to Penny (née Rumsey) and Dennis, a son. Marcus Staise. MILLER - On Friday November 25th. at UCH, to Chariotte and Marek, a son, David Micheal William. EWBIGH - On November 30th, to Deborah (née Golden) and Michael, a daughter, Kafherine Anna, a sister Ior Joseph and Matthew.

PAGE - On December 3rd, at the Portland Hospital, to Annie (née McCutcheon) and Stirling, a daughter, Georgina Katharine isobel. PELMAM - On November 2nd to Bradford to Rowens (née Stacey) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Sarah Emily. A sister for Kathryn. PMILLIPS - On November 15th 1988, to Sarah (née Moloney) and Roger, a daughter, Grace Vianney, a sister for Bénedict and Joseph.

PIALINGER - On December 4th, to Henrietta (née Corfield) and Anthony, a daughter, Rosanna Clare Conymphem.

NYLAND - On December 3rd, at Forth Park, Kirkchidy, to Melanie (née Hodgson) and James, a daughter, Sopule Entity. MORT - On December 2nd. at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Elizabeth (née Merivale-Austin) and James, a beau-tiful daughter, Victoria Elizabeth. STEEL - On December 3rd 1988, to Manchester, to Susan (nee Croft) and lan, a son Adem Branshy.

Stean (née Forda) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas Peter. ADOPTIONS

RIPPER: - Maria Teresa (née Nery) and Antony have adopted isabel aged 7 months.

MARRIAGES

BISHOP,HILL - On December 2nd 1988, at Richmond, Surrey, Richard Bernard, son of the lass Mr Peter Bishop M.C. and Mrs Joan Bishop of Milford-on-Sea, to Barbara Jean, elder daughter of Mr Nigel Hill M.B.E. and Mrs Hill of Pulborough. JAMES/TOWLER - On December 3rd in Greet Aylon, North Yorks, between Mr Peter James and Miss Isabel Towler.

ASKWITH - On Saturday, December 3rd 1968, pascefully, Kathioen Margaret (Wendy), aged 94. Wife of late A V Askwith ICS, mother of Kim Hove, cremation Pulney Vale 12.00 moon Monday December 12th. moon Monday December 12th.

RARTON - On December 2nd 1988, at
Culduthel Hospital, Inverness.

Rupert (Robin) Berkeley Barton.
send 77 years, of Kingussie, beloved
husband of Kina and lather of Sue
and Guy. Funeral service in St
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BOWERF - On December 4th 1988, the Revd. Godfrey, much loved and toving husband, father and grandfather, Funeral service at St James' Cathedral, Bury St Edmonds, on Friday, December 9th at 1.30pm, Interment at Learleid, Groon. No flowers but donations to the Cathedral Appeal or the Sea Cadel Corps. Co F. Chutchrann & Son, 23 Mussow Street, Bury St. Edmunds. Tel: (0284) 784349.

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CRAWFORD - On December 4th 1988, peacfully in Murrayfield Hospital. Employed, John Alimnan Uacki aged 82 of Boswall House, Father of Rosemary and Brigit. Brother of Alys, stepfather of Gill and grand-father of Janet, James and William. Service at Warriston Cramatorium. main chapel, on Thursday. December 8th at 2.30 pm. Much loved and missed by family and friends, Family flowers only. loved and missed by family friends. Family flowers only. DORMAN-SMITH - On Monda DORMAN-SHITH On Monamy
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Edith, appl 92, widow of the late
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GILLESPIE - On December 3rd 1988, peacefully at home, Richard Philip Gillespie F.R.C.P.(E), and 70 years. Much loved husband of Margaret and tather of Robin and Quentin. Funeral service on Wednesday December 7th 1988, at Peterborough Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Hospital At Home, c/o, Walkins & Stafford Funeral Directors, Fitzwilliam Street. Peterborough, PEI 2RX.

GILLETT - On the evening of December 2nd 1968, Betty the Byford). Cherished wife of the inte Thomas Gillett. Loved by her family and stepfamily who wish to thank Worthing and Swandean Hospitals for their tender loving care. GOCHER On December 1st, peace-fully at home. Edward Ted Gocher. Memorial service at 11am, wednesday. December 7th. at Cottenham Parish Church.

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erren - On December 2nd 1988, suddenly but beacefully at home. Violet Fox Orr of Medicine) dearly beloved wife of Peter and dear mother of Susan. Funeral service at Cardross Cressanorium on Thurdsay December 8th, at 12.45 pm.

GRESHAM COOKE - On Dec. 4th, peacefully after long libres born with courage and Christian conviction. Anne. destry loved wife of the late Roger and much loved mother and gandmother. Funeral service St Lawrence. Hungerford on Wednesday Dec. 14th at 11.15 am. No. flowers please, but donarions to Cancer Unit Appeal. Royal Berlist Hospital. c/o Camp Hogson Ltd Funeral Directors. Newbary, Also by request, no Memorial Service. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, George Martin, who will be remembered by his family. University colleagues and friends, for his great humour, kindness and generosity. Private cremation, family only. No flowers by request donations to Cancer Research Fund.

HUGRES - On December 3rd 1988, at home. Doctor Mark Henry Hughes MA, DM, FRC, Path, Much loved husband of Veronica and dear father of Richard. Funeral service of St. John The Baptist Church. Lustierigh. Devon, Thursday December 3th at 2.00 pro. Cut flowers only or donations for the church. c/o The Rector. HURLEY On December 2nd 1988, suddenly at home, Wordester Park, Harry Hurley, C.Eng., M.I.Mech., E. Fungral service Monday December 12th 11.50 am at Kingston Upon Thames Crematorium, fumily flowers only, donations to charity. JAY - On December 2nd, after a short illness, Lt. Cdr., M.B.E., R.N. Lawrence McAolay, much loved husband of Caroline, father of Quentin and Amanda, Service at St. Anns, H.M. Naval Base, Portsmouth, at 11,30 am on Friday December 9th, Flowers may be sent to Barrells FD. Portsmouth, Tel (0705) 824831. Donstions to King George Fund For Sailors. c/o the Tressurer, Commundores Office, H.M.S. Nelson. Portsmouth.

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David and Jane and grandfather of
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service to The Church of Scotland,
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LAL - On November Soth, Adam Sharad Lal, seed 20, a student at Balliol College, to the Radciffe Infirmary, Oxford, He was the son of Sitival! Lal and the late Bridget Ann Lat, and the brother of Josuma Shamin and Tara Jane, Grief like love is the simplest of things. The funeral service will be at \$2. John's Church, Church Row. Hampstend, London, on Friday December 9th at 2,00pm. Flowers to 181 Haverstockhill by 12.00 am or denations to Anti-Apartheid.

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FELL - On December 6th 1988, at the Harbour View Nursing Home, Paima. Majorca, Robert Andrew Fell, aged 69. Dear insistand of Myra and brother of John, Katterine and Clare. Private fumeral Friday.

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OLDYSTED-DAMES - On December 1st, peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Ahm OBE, LL. D. belowed husband of the late Lilian May and former controller of EBC Wales. Private funeral service at 1.30pm on Friday December 9th at Thornhill Crematorhum, Cardiff, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for his life and work at Minny Street, Welsh Congregation Church, Cathaya, Cardiff, Family Bowers only but donations if desired to the Weish Friends Of the Needy, C/o. of The Revd, W.E. Powell, 3 St. Ambrose Roud, Heeth, Cardiff, CF4 4BG.

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POYNTON - On December 4th, peacefully, in her 92nd year, Corstance Charlotte, widow of Col. Allen Sutcliffe Poynton, dear mother of Salty and Jim, grandmother of Patrick, Charles and James. PRETYMAN - On December 4th 1988, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sir Waiter Frederick Pretyman K.B.E., father of Christina, William and George. Christina, William and George.

RAMMELL - On December 2nd 1988 in her ninety second year, peacefully, Elleen Mary, whow of John Wootlon Ramnell, sister of Dorothy, mother of Anne, Mary and Jack, grandmother of Shephen, Richard, Juhet, Helena, Nicola, Janis, Davina, Karina and Jessica, great grandmother of Phoebe, Much foved by all. Funeral service to the Lady Chapel, St Albans Abbey at 3.30pm, Friday, December 9th, followed by interment of ashes. No flowers please.

RAMSBOTHAM - On December 3rd 1988, peacefully, at Luncaster Royal Infirmary. Erian Morgan. wife of Bishop John Ramsbotham. Requirem at Lancaster Priory on Wednesday. December 7th of 3pm. Funeral at Hexham Abbey. Thursday, December 8th at 11.30sm. No flowers. Donations to St. Oswald Hospice, Newcastle Epon-Tyne. RELLE: On December Srd, Descending in hospital in Durban, Michael, much loved husband of Rosemary, Enhan-of John and Sosan and brother of Jean, Pat, Rosemary and Alastair, ROBERTS - On December 2nd Peacefully at Davenham Hall, Mary Gordon formerly of The Cottage, Marsh lane, Crowton, Crematon on Thursday December 8th at 2.30pm at Walton Crematorium, Warrington, Flowers by W.M. Cartwright and Son, High Lawn, Hobb Lane, Moore, Nr Warrington.

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Simmon's On Sunday December 4th, peacetuhy of Molesay Hospital. Lt. Col. Thomas Mortimer (Tim). Beloved husband of Vivience and father of Richard and James. Funeral on Friday, December 9th at 1.00pm at Randalls Park Crematorium. Leatherhead. No flowers by request but doualons if desired to RASC/RCT Behevolent Fund, Builer Borracies, Aldershot.

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SRETCH - On December 1st, suddenly at home after a long illness valiantly fought and stokenly endured, Harold Reigh, Commander Vorth, RNR, aged 82 years. Death loved husband of Stella and father of Anne and Mary. Funeral service of Putney Vale Crematorhum. Thursday December Bth. 1.00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Lung Foundation.

Foundation.

SLATER - On December 3rd, Percy William, former rector of Winston, aged 82 years, husband of the late Evelyn Maud. Funeral, 11.30am Friday December 9th at 5t Andrews. Winston. Family Inowers only. Donations, if desired to 5t Andrews. Winston. c/o Gainford Vicarage. Dartington DL2 3 DS. SMITTIN - On December 2nd, Diana, much loved wife of the late Peter Smith of Gibrathar, and mother of Harry and Susie. Memorial service at The Holy Cross Church. Ramabury, December 15th at 2pm.

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USHERWOOD - On December 5th 1968, suddenly, Kenneth Ascough C.B.E. Much loved husband of Mery, father of Susan and David and grandfather of Ross. Anne. John, Jennifer, Jonathan and Refecca. Funeral private.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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moon.

MeDONAGN - A Memorial Service will be bed for Brian, at The Chapel, Charing Crom Hospital, Fulban Paince Rd. Hammersmith on Thursday December 18th at 12.45 pm.

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THE ARTS

A wheeze conceived

The documentary series currently being advertised in the windows of the Family Planning Association purports to be a history of contraception in the 20th century. Hands up if you had not realized that this subject is elastic enough to stretch to two hours of prime-time trans-

Though sounding suspiciously like a forfeit dreamt up by a

TELEVISION

programmer with a perverse sense of humour, In the Club? (Channel 4) in fact derives from thet august body, the Television History Workshop. Space does not permit even a potted history of "the ongoing cultural situations — per-haps some day Channel 4 will favour us with a series on the topic — but the term connotes both banausic industry and mental sloth. So considerable an achievement deserves to be saluted.

This conception of oral history is a brilliant wheeze on television. enabling producers simply to whis-tle up dozens of real people and film them expatiating on intimate things. Bung in the usual clip of The Squadronnaires to conjure the 1940s, and thigh-level footage of the Kings Road for the 1960s, and you have a sort of instant kit.

As was evidenced by the BBC's

recent Out of the Doll's House, old folk in particular relish the opportunity to hold forth on topics ered taboo in their youth. It is doubtless good news that honeymooning coaples are no longer to be seen standing outside sts' shops in a state of tranced perplexity, like victims of a practical joke; legal abortion is even better news. But how odd that it takes a programme about ig-norance to leave viewers feeling less informed than before.

Many, for instance, will have been surprised to learn that servicemen in the Second World War were issued with condoms as contraception. One had always thought their specific function was prophylaxis — a concern, in the same context, that exercised Kipling and others in earlier decades. It may be true that each generation imagines itself to have invented sex, but uninventive documentaries on the subject are as old as the

Crafts in Britain are finally breaking free of the stranglehold of good taste, John Russell Taylor reports

Classic craft union

hviously there is no point in going over again the arts/crafts dichotomy, whether it exists and why it should not. So I shall refrain, remarking merely that if my mind teods to be drawn this time of year to what we have traditionally called the crafts, it is probably because of the very hitch in the system which most enrages craftsmen: that if whatever you crave in a gallery is labelled "craft", it is likely to be a lot more affordable than if it is labelled "art".

This applies even to the grandest of the shows, Craft Classics since the 1940s, which is at the Crafts Council Gallery until January 8. A certain oumber of the works are for sale, and would be well worth looking into. I was reminded of a very extraordinary show I recently saw in Chicago (called *The Eloquent Object*, at the Public Library Cultural Center until December 30). It also concerns itself with the crafts since 1945, this time in the United States. But it does oot precisely label its cootents, and one oever stops for a moment to consider which pigeonhole the objects should be placed in. The dominant effect is of bounding life, vigour, variety, and sublime unconcern

for the niceties of refined taste. You could not say so much of the Crafts Council show. There is still an amazing variety of style and medium, and plenty of fine workmanship. But for most of the time since the Forties the crafts in Britain have been living timorously io a ghetto of good taste, Martin Cropper and only in the last few years have they proved themselves to break **GALLERIES**

Craft Classics since the 1940s **Crafts Council**

Christmas Exhibition Galerie Besson

Second Nature Sheila Harrison Fine Art

Kaffe Fassett/Avant Première Victoria and Albert Museum

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out. Certainly ooce you arrive at the Seventies the colours get stronger, the forms further from function and more unpredictable, But then, if you are looking for the "classics" promised by the show's title, you probably do oot want anything too wild and woolly; certainly in that line you could hardly do better than the ceramics of Hans Coper.

The last show at the Galerie Bessoo was devoted to Hans



Hans Coper's "large pot" (1972), and Peter Collingwood's "macroganze" (1973), both at the Crafts Council

Coper. But although everything at this gallery is done with style and elegance, it never seems to be intimidated by the bogey of bad taste; the statement is positive rather than negative. The new Christmas Exhibition, which runs until December 22, is a case in point. It includes groups of pots by eight youngish potters, plus some exquisite (and no doubt practical) wooden furniture by J.M. Baulkwill and C.J. Turner. The di-

versity of the potters is very striking. Elspeth Owen goes in for extraordinary encrusted textures. as though her pieces have been buried for centuries. Ying Yeung Li dribbles a painterly calligraphy of glazes over his subtly eccentric vessels. Jennifer Lee is one for velvety surfaces, mostly vaguely sandy in colour and tending towards the speckled and the mottled. Rodney Lawrence likes minimal decoration; several

pieces have just one or two faiotly frazzled lines.

Sheila Harrison believes in combining pots (which seem to be her principal passion) with drawings and paintings and jewellery and even, as in the current Second Nature show (until January 7), the odd wood carving as well. The principal people in this box of delights are Peter Hayes, who makes large vessels with tiny apertures, firmly

demanding to be read as sculpture and appreciated for their intricate and croded surface textures; Rhodia Mann, who makes necklaces and other jewellery which turn ethnic materials to sophisticated modern ends; Guy Taplin whose wood-carvings of birds use the language of the traditional decoy to make unexpectedly witty and sophisticated art; and the unclassifiable Andrew Lanyon, whose funny little drawings and paiotings bespeak a wealth of happy craziness disciplined by a strong sense of form.

The Victoria and Albert has at

the moment an exhibition happily reflecting its position as our national museum of decorative arts (another conveniently noncommittal term, by the way). Kaffe Fassett is the "painter in wool" who has single-handedly revolutionized our ideas about knitting today. Since he arrived in Britaio in the Sixties he has designed brilliantly coloured and patterned knits which could and did become part of the great British design revival in the hands of such as Bill Gibb. Fassett designs other things too, but it is mainly the knits which catch the eye at the V&A's retrospective (until January 29), offering a feast of colour. No wonder that in these dark wintry days people are

mas Hennell was not so much a craftsman himself as a passionate lover and recorder of craft. The show of his drawings and watercolours at the Fine Art Society until December 16 coincides with the appearance of Michael MacLeod's absorbing book on him (Cambridge University Press, £35), which reveals a much deeper, stranger and more tormented character than one would guess from his art-work. He was born in 1903, died in the Far East, apparently at the hands of disaffected natives, in 1945, and in between was quite insane (schizophrenic, apparently) for several years in the Thirties - an experience he chronicled with visionary clarity io his book The Witnesses. Armed with that knowledge, one can perhaps detect a Van Goghlike intensity in his vision of haystacks or the biggest heap of scrapped horseshoes in the world. But even more telling are his self-effacing records of the tools and products of country craftsmen and a long-dead way of life: visionary clarity is in evidence here too, and the effect is quite haunting.

Tell it to the mountain

December is a cruel month for standing on the damp concrete floor of a disused car factory watching the performance, Welsh mostly, of a 6th-century epic, it is an experience to remind one of the worst excesses of the Mahahharata

The occasion is a performance by Aberystwyth-based Brith Gof, specialists in large-scale, athletically demanding theatre works that regularly tour the European and South American festivals, but seldom cross the frontier joto

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Y Gododdin, earliest poem in the Weish language, tells of a battle near modern Catterick where 300 Celuc warriors were defeated by the invading Angles. his style - couplets that toterestingly contato both alliteration and rhyme - make it surring stuff to

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Gododdin Rover Car Factory.

Cardiff chant, even if you can understand

nothing but the passing of an occasional proper name: Rhufon a Gwgon, Gwlon a Gwlged,/Gwyr gorsaf wriaf, gwrdd yng ngaled.

The poem mourns the death of the warriors, elevates them into heroes and cements nationhood.

the fuoction of epic everywhere. Brith Gof's method of staging the work seems to this visiting Saxon valiant hut wrong-headed. Ao enormous arena of sand occupies the central area, planted with lines of tree trunks and rising to a 40ft moutain in the middle. The 10 actors, kilted and barearmed, march around the mound, skirmish with one another, clamber up pyramids of oil drums. Water pouring from a vertical

pipe gradually transforms the arena into a lake: the warriors ford it with poles (an effective tableau), roll about the pools, stand up, stumble again and finally arm themselves with the metal bonnets from wrecked cars and do battle against the factory wall.

This is accompanied by clanging percussive music from the group Test Dept, scored for horns, drums and scrap metal, played against a muffled delivery of fragments of text.

The obstacle (aside from the oumhing cold) to any real appreciation of the material is the paucity of clues as to whereabouts we are in the story. This also troubled Welsh speakers. The long-awaited assault is both excitingly violent and enjoyably earstunning but events beforehand are unclear, irritatingly repetitious and, wherever you stand, keep going behind the mountain.

Jeremy Kingston



Hitting the high notes: Test Dept rehearsing the music for Gododdin with narrative address in a style

essons in life

Handle With Care Old Red Lion

Jane Thornton's tough and tender play, on tour with Springboard Theatre Co since August, begins with its cast of four Yorkshire youngsters waiting at a bus stop for a coach to carry them off to a happier life elsewhere - happiness in this case being Scotland, where Donna's absent father is thought

The play then loops back to events earlier in the day, Donna's 17th birthday, darting between the different homes, workplaces and lunch-time meetings to build up a picture of the rotten parental pressures that provoked their flight. Donna's mother abuses her verbally; Lorraine's father takes his daughter to bed. Though the anthor also follows the bold attempt by young Darren (Matt Noddings, a bouncing clown) to win a boxing match, and the oo-off affair that the jaunty but moody Stuart (Paul McCrink, excellent) has with Donna, it is Donna's struggle to tug Lorraine from her father that forms the play's highly emotional core.

The writing combines drama

racy enough to allow characters to comment crisply oo one another's remarks to the audience. All four are on placement with various

YTC schemes, factory, bakery, shop, but though the dialogue is pretty dismissive of such employment, the play's concern is oot with how adolescents cope when work is scarce, but how they must fend for themselves when parental guidance is ooo-existent.

The first-rate young cast also play one another's parents, carping, seducing or, just occasionally, showing marks for affection. The most unnerving scene develops when Lorraine's father closes in oo her to speak the wretched familiar line, "You and I have something special, don't we?". Shirley Jenkins movingly shows the dread that precedes the trip to the next room and the self-hating paralysis that follows.

As Donna, Gillian Baskeyfield gives a touching portrayal of a girl whose freedom is virtually over at 17. The author ally directs her own play on a stage bare except for three grey blocks, and with no props other than a cassette re-corder, boxing gloves and a birthday cake seen at various stages of



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Festival Hall Lorin Maszel's feat of conducting

all nine Beethoven symphonies in a day was not quite the "odyssey of symphonic discovery" which the South Bank had been promising. Indeed, at times in a fraught and accident-filled performance of the Ninth Symphony the maestro and the London Symphony Orchestra looked as if they wished never to meet each other again — and occasionally sounded as if they had never met each other before.

Beethoven cycle

That took the edge off a day of triumph for Maszel. Few conductors would possess either the character or the ability to guide

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three different orchestras through a project of this kind, and all without a score in sight. But Maazel has long been a musician for whom mere concerts no longer seem to offer much of a challenge.

One may question his more extravagant ideas. But in a day which started at 10am with the Royal Philharmonic, and ended at 10.40pm with a standing avation, it can genuinely be said that there was never a dull moment. He is essentially a "hands on"

conductor: no phrase passes without some nuance being applied. He is also a great thickener of orchestral texture - double woodwinds, heavy brass entries, six borns deployed to Mahlerian ef-fect. Yet he often inspires graceful playing, despite the extra baggage. The scherzo of the Eroica (probably the day's best performance, played by the Philharmonia) skipped along delightfully: so did the finale of the Fourth (the LSO, in happier form than in the Ninth). As a whole, the cycle certainly did not display the orchestras at their best. Much seemed underrehearsed. But as a high-class stunt, designed to make a different sort of splash in the overcrowded pool of London music-making, there is no doubt that the event

caught the public's imagination. Richard Morrison

High-class stunt man John Lenehan Purcell Room

> Io an age which has raised the proliferation of minimal ideas to a cult, one would expect that a composer like Alkan with a reputatioo for working ideas to the limits of the possible would enjoy enormous popularity. There has indeed been a surge of interest in the music of this forgotten 19thcentury genius in the centenary year of his death, but John Lenehan's masterly recital of a selection of his piano works was illuminating in the way it dissolved the apparent eccentricities into hardly exceptional Romantic traits. This was not the undisciplined, obsessional music generally associated with Alkan; on the cootrary. Leoehan showed just how coocentrated many of these

utterances could be. Doubtless a more flamboyant performer would have handled the fascinating Sonatine more demonstratively. Lenchan produced an interpretation that dwelt less oo extremes and more on noities: an integrated and satisfying ac-count. His strengths are his firm rhythmic underpinning and acute ear for inner cootrapuntal lines.

The "Allegro barbaro", the fifth of the Études, op 35, with which he ended, is a scintillating study in octaves. Lenehan's performance rightly drew gasps and cheers.

Barry Millington



FASHION by Liz Smith

ALL THINGS TO ALL

Blazer moves into the City and

proves that discretion is

always the better part of success

f the four men seen here were introduced at a party, they would not recognize that they all belong to the same sar-torial "club". Membership is wide open. The club is Blazer, where men of all stripes elect to be dressed to their own, very different, rules.

will last the

So successful has this chain of discreet menswear shops been during 1988 — eherishing its solid, non-fashion ethos while expanding from six shops to 17 — it comes as a surprise to some customers that what they supposed was a private discovery has such a

wide following.

Traditionalists can find reassuringly classic cords and tweed jackets hanging along-side Thirties-style raglan rain-coats. Prospectors for the jeans and rough eheck shirts of the mythic West strike a well of rugged styles to relax in. Fashion-conscious City slickers emerge in well-cut pinstripes with a dashing spotted silk waistcoat to wear with a

Stephen Fry, Sir Roy Stroog, Charles Dance, Harri-soo Ford and Tom Cooti hardly share the same image, yet all are customers. Even the Duchess of York has been seen in a Blazer sweatshirt.

The appeal of Blazer is proof that, as in architecture, once the fundamental classical orders have been mastered, the scope of self-expressioo within the rules is limitless. Hackett, recently installed inside a glossy mahogany emporium in Covent Garden and in the throes of a nationwide expansion programme in partnership with Moss Bros, is the other spectacular example of success through supplying the basics of a gentlemanly wardrobe. If comparisons are to be made, Hackett prices and their style somewhat crustier. Next, however, seems to have been sidetracked into a more design-conscious idiom. A restaurant reviewer recently dissected accurately, if brutally, the "arriviste" clientele of one fashionable Soho eaterie as "Next man".

David Krantz, of Blazer, is in no danger of becoming selfcooscious about his image. His earliest gut feeling about a gap io the menswear market has proved right, and he is wisely sticking to it. Now 35, he has been io the business for 19 years. His first shop, Belt Up Jeans, had a short life at the start of the denim decade in 1971. His next shop, dedicated to traditional classics, opened in Golders Green in 1979. To set it apart from the crop of shops selling un-

structured, crumpled linen suits and leather blousons, Krantz went for a solidly British name, Blazer. He sold, and still sells, blazers, and is very much a grey-flannels-and-blazer dresser himself. But he discovered that the snag with the name was not that it limited the image of his stock-in-trade, but that it was simply difficult to register.

By the time he opened his second Blazer shop in Covent Garden in 1982 he had decided to start manufacturing for himself. De Havilland, a name picked at random while playing Trivial Pursuit, is the tag stitched inside Blazer's classic shirts. Today, 90 per cent of Blazer clothes carry their own labels, with only certain jeans bought from brand leaders, as well as the elassie American Sebago loa-fer and British Cheaney punched brogues.

"Blazer's customer base is broad and within an age range from 18 to 50 or over. He is a guy like me," Krantz says. "He does oot want anything loud. He expects value and clothes that last."

1987, Krantz had six Blazer shops in Londoo and Guildford and was poised to be listed oo the stockmarket. Then the City crash dictated a change in his plans and the chain became part of the Storehouse group.

Sales in any one Blazer at that time worked out at around £1,000 per sq ft, three times that of the average menswear retailer, and Sir Terence Conran (who buys his jumpers, belts and ties from this independent outpost of his empire) obviously has enough respect for Krantz's retailing abilities to allow him complete autonomy. With the backing of Storehouse. has grown to a chain of 17 shops — all in the South and Wales. Next year a further eight to 13 shops will open io the North and in Scotland, taking Blazer to full stretch until the planned move into-

European capitals.
The first Blazer shop in the City opens today, its stock mainly chalkstripe and Prince of Wales check suits that retail from £175 to £325, It is the structure inside a suit that matters, Krantz explains. That dictates the quality, and the price cannot be less.

The positioning of each branch determioes the emphasis of what it sells. "I think with this range we have killed off the myth that Blazer stood ooly for a preppie look," Krantz says. "The customer dictates what he wants."





Sir Terence gets shirty

Sir Terence Conran's successful campaign to supply himself with suitably deep navy, sleek, long socks in his BhS chain developed into a crist of the successful campaign. prove excellence in other essentials, notably a top qual-

The opening of his smart Storehouse shopping complex in Kensington High Street was celebrated with the arrival of BhS's Gentleman's Classic Shirt. With every detail of Conran's own Jermyn Street

ity shirt.

haberdashery scrati-nized and copied, this BhS classic comes out at £25, less than half the price of the original.

It is in easy-to-iron Egyp-tian cotton, has double cuffs, a decent placket button-fastening and stiffeners for the collar that sits neatly on its neckband.

In a choice of stripes, an Oxford weave or plain white, it presents challenging com-petition to the rival City Shirt sold by M&S for £27.50.

back to become knee-length) do send it along to the V&A. A Personal Invitation from Janet Reger



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An era of Burberry

Veteran of the trenches in the First World War, survivor of numerous polar expeditions with Scott, Amundseo and Shackleton, and star of many a movie whodunit, it is small wooder that the Burberry coat has become a museum piece.

Next week, an exhibition of 30 or so historic Burberry ments opers at the V&A. From the earliest rural smock, manufactured by Thomas Burberry for his outfitters' shop founded in Basingstoke in 1856, up to the latest Thomas Burberry raoge launched this autumn, the exhibition is testament to the enduring style and loviogly detailed finish of Burberry clothes.

Burberry regularly prints notices offering a new coat in exchange for a vintage relic. Costume historian Margot Coatts, who has assembled the exhibition, especially relishes a coat with an interesting pedigree, be it a First World War trenchooat that "bristles with dignity", or writer Anthony Powell's short and very 1970s style. One of the oldest, a khaki drab shooting jacket, dates from the 1890s and survived a long career with its

ornithologist-owner, Colone

Willoughby Verner. A Burberry outfit for every sport was meant to be included. One has eluded them. So if anyone has in their attic a ladies' golfing suit with hitch-op skirt (where the ankle-length skirt can be buttoned



• The Burberry Story is at the V & A from December 12 to August 31 next year.



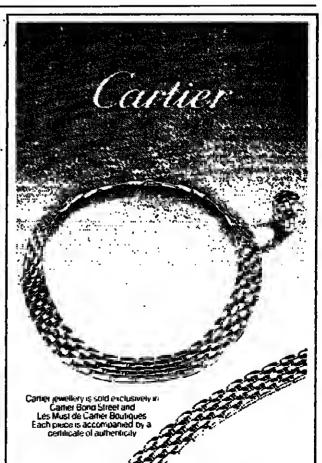
City investment manager John Rosier wears charcoal pinst wool double breasted suit. £325, shirt with cutaway collar in blue, white and red striped cotton, £34.95; red diamond patterned silk tie, £17.95, all Blazer



Architect Glies Quarme wears mustard herringbone-striped tweed jacket with leather elbow patches, £139.95; grey, maroon and gold Fair Isle jumper, £38.50; purple striped cotton shirt with button-down collar, £29.95; covert cloth cuffed trousers, £59.95; navy and white spotted silk cravat, £26.95; all Blazer

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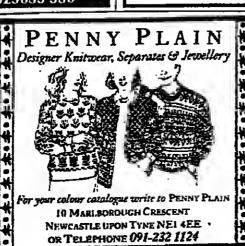
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FILMS

Malso on national release Advance booking possible AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving drama, set in a provincial boarding school (107 min). Curzon Maytair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 3.50.

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Pests out of control

Mike Leigh's first play for eight years, Smelling a Rat, previews tonight at Hampstead Theatre. It is an improvised work, like three previous plays premiered at Hampstead, Abigail's Party, Eestasy and Goose-Pimples, which won the Comedy of the Year award in 1981. His most recent film, High Hopes, also won an award, at this year's Venice Film Festival, and is due to be released in January. Like any improvised play, however early in the rehearsal period a script seems to have reached its final form, there is always the possibility of profound change ahead; but on the eve of the first preview the play is described as a comedy, set in the bedroom of Mr Weasel (Eric Allan), owner

of a flourishing firm of pest controllers. Involved in the antics, which take place over Christmas, are the son of the house and his girlfriend (Greg Cruttwell, Saskia Reeves, above), and an employee (Timothy Spall, best known as Barry in Auf Wiedersehen Pet) and his girlfriend (Brid Brennan). All the characters bear the names of pests, suggesting a story in which Mr Weasel does not have the same success controlling troubles within his house as he has with those outside it. Smelling a Rat, Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9301). Previews from tonight at 8 o'clock. Opens Friday, 7pm; £5-Jeremy Kingston

COLORS (18): Vivid crime drama from director Dennis Hopper about two Los Angeles cops of clashing temperaments (121 min). Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 6.40, 9.25. Odeon West End (01-930 6111). Progs 12.20, 3.00, 8.00, 8.30.

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M A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans, an uptight English barrister and an animal rights fanatic (109 min).

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SWITCHING CHANNELS (PG): New SWITCHING CHANNELS (PG): New slapstick version of Hecht and MacArthur's masterly play The Front Page, with Burt Reynolds as the TV news editor determined to hold on to his star reporter and ex-wife (Kathleen Turner). Directed by Ted Kotcheff; with Christopher Reeve. (105 min) Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

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CONCERTS

★ CANTORUM CONCERT: Schola Cantorum of Oxford, the Sarum Chamber Orchestra and soloists are variously heard in Bach's Magnificat, Handel's Zadok the Priest, Schoenberg's Friede auf Erden, Four Russian Peasant Songs by Stravinsky, a Sintonie by Milhaud, Polenc's Soir de Neige and an Adagio by Samuel Barber, Howard Moody conducts. St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£8.

★ HEAR HARMONIUM: The American post-minimalist composer John Adam's Harmonium is heard from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Grant Llewellyn, as are Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 (soloist Bernard Roberts) and the Fingal's Cave Overture by Mandielschin Mendelssohn. Town Hall, Birmingham (021-236 3889), 7.30pm, £3.30-£11.

☆ FRETWORK ARMADA: The Fretwork Ensemble lets us hear music from 1588, the year of the Spanish Armada me year of the Spanish Annada — pieces by Pisador, Deza, Dowland, Cabezon, Campion and others. Wigmore Hell, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-93\$ 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ NOTES FOR NISSAN: see caption. Festivat Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 9800), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£16.

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★ GEORGE MELLY: Continuing Good Time George's armual residency. Support is from the house quintet. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 3:30pm, £12 (members £2). Until Dec 31. (members 22). Until Dec 31.

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☆ SANDIE SHAW: An unlikely subject
of fashionable interest in the Eighties,
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Mean Fiddler, 24-28s Harlesden High
Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490)
8pm, £5.

☆ A-HA: The Norwegian pin-ups seem
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* predecessors. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 8pm, £9.50-

★ IRON MAIDEN: Lumbering metal. Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 8pm, £9-£10, for two nights.

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OPERA

* THE MAGIC FLUTE: Jonethan Miller's delightfully bookish production for Scottish opera returns to home ground for a final pre-Christmas showing. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3 to £23.

DANCE

* APOLLO: Silvie Guillem, guest star from Paris, dances with the Royal Ballet in this Grand Par Classique. A Month in The Country and Bintley's new Spirit of Fugue complete the bill. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£32.

★ DON QUIXOTE: Christopher Gable's production for Northern Ballet Theatre reaches its home town. Palece, Manchester (061-236 9922),

★ THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet. Birmingham Hippodrome (021-622 7486), 7.30-9.30 pm, 25-£17.

** SWANSONG: Soloists from London Festival Ballet give Citristopher Bruce's dance drama with the classic Apollo and showpieces by Petipa and Bournonville. Octagon Theatre, Hendford, Yeovil (0935 22884), 7.30-10pm, 25.50-28.50.



Thomas Zehetmair (above), the 27-year-old Salzburg-born violin-ist, visits Britain all too infrequently. Festival-watchers will know well his fine, lyrical playing, reminiscent of an earlier teacher, Nathan Milstein. Tonight, though, there is a chance to hear him play Schumann's Violin Concerto with the Philharmonia at the Royal Festival Hall (see listing). He will play the same concerto tomorrow at the Congress Theatre,

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GALLERIES

BERNARD PRINZ: Messive works combining sculpture and photography. City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 2424), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, free, until January 15. CLIFFORD RAINEY: Sculpture and

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Anthony Dawson, 41 Lillian Road, London SW13 (01-748 1305), Tues-Fri 10-Spm, Sat 10-7pm, free, until December 22.

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UN ANNIVERSARY: A musical celebration of the 40th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights with works by Beethoven, Haydn and

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KIM BREWER: London debut by young planist from Devon, now fiving in the United States, who won the 1967 National Junior Plano Competition at the age of 13. Works by Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin.

Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01 928 8800), Jan 14.

SHOSTAKOVICH STRING QUARTETS: Brodsky String Quartet plays complete cycle of 15 string quartets by the composer best known for his great symphonic works. Jan-Feb. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

LAST CHANCE

EISENSTEIN, 1886-1946: First major retrospective of work and life of Russian film maker, known for such epics as Battleship Potentkin. Ends Sun. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 3144; 01-281 0127 recorded information).

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND: Magical artwork for new edition of Lewis Carrol's classic by Anthony Browne, Ends Thurs, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (11-638 4141). (01-638 4141).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Fibras: Geoff Brown; Concerts; Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Reck: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Gal David Lee: Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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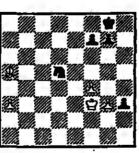
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ART GALLERIES

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

0.00 Newsround, 5.10 Grange HEL

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5.35 Neighbours. (r).
6.00 Stx O'Clook News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.
6.30 Reporting London. Weather.
7.00 Telly Addicts. The final features two teams from Wales—the Mainwarings from Swansea and the Thomas family from Cardiff. international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 6.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional

7.30 EastEnders. Rod tries to sort out Donna's problem and gives

Joanne a word of warning; and Colin gets an important call from Guido (Ceefax). 8.00 Fawity Towers. Manuel's pet

rat, named after Basil Fawity, goes missing on the day the public health inspector visits the notei (r) 8.30 A Question of Sport. Joining

Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are Fatima Whitbread, Andy

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Holmes, Steve Hodge and
Stephen Hendry (Ceefax).

0.00 Nine O'Clock News. Regional
news and weather.

9.20 South of the Border. Money
problems cause the detective
partnership to go their
separate ways — Pearl to
investigate a church fund fiddle
and Finn to trace Millie's daughter
who has run off with a black
soldier (Ceefax).

10.20 Fam 38. Among the fams
reviewed by Barry Norman are
Willow, a medieval fantasy
produced by George Lucas, and
High Spiritis, a supernatural
comedy starring Peter O'Toole
and directed by Neil Jordan.

10.50 Network in trefend. Anna Ford
chairs a studio discussion about
how the people of Northern
leaded are portrayed in popular.

how the people of Northern Ireland are portrayed in popular television drama series. 11.49 Sar-a-Side Football, John Motson and Tony Gubba follow the fortunes of Arsenal,

telephone services which some people wish to ban.

12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News. Weather.

1.30 Neighbours.

1.50 Going for Gold.

2.15 Film: The Best of Friends
(1981). Australian comedy starring Angels Punch McGregor and Graeme Blundell as two childhood friends who become lovers when their respective dates fall to turn up one evening. Directed by Michael Robertson.

3.50 P C Pinkerton. 4.00 Fireman Sam. 4.10 Ratman (r). 4.20 Simon and the Witch. Episode sight of the 12-part comedy serial.

4.35 What's that Noise? Craig Charles presents a new series to encourage children to be more aware of natural and produced sounds and rhythms. Manchester United, West Ham, Derby, Southempton and Middlesborough. Middlesborough. 12.20cm Weather, closedown.

BBC2

9.00 Ceetax 1.25 King Rollo (r). 1.20 Animal Feir (r). 1.40 The Newly Weds. (b/w). 1.55 Rugby Union. Live transmission of the 107th Varsity

sounds and rhythms

news and travel reports at

Regional news and weather

9.00 News and weather, followed by
Open Air which visits the Kilroy
studio to watch the

discussion programme.

9.20 Kirroy. Robert Kirroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject.

10.00 News and weather, followed by Going for Gold (r).

10.25 Children's BBC starts with Playbus. 10.50 Paddington. (r)

by Open Air. A discussion on schools' programmes on

News and weather, followed by Daytime Live which includes a discussion on saucy recorded teleptione services which some

television. To participate telephone 061 814 0424.

Amanda Redman. 11.00 News and weather, followed

transmission of the 107th Varsity
Match between Oxford
University and Cambridge
University at Twickenham.
3.40 Behind the Screen (f). 3.50
News and weather, followed by
regional news and weather.
4.00 Catchword. 4.30 Living on the

Land Deryck Guyler narrates the story of a country parson (r).

5.00 Advice Shop, Hugh Scully and Helen Madden report on how to qualify for legal aid.

5.30 First Time Garden. (Ceefax) (r).

6.00 Film: The Law and Jake Wade (1958). Western starring Robert Trader as a cuttless turned.

Taylor as ao outlaw turned marshal who finds it hard to stay out of trouble when he rescues his former partner (Richard Widmark) from the gallows.

Directed by John Sturges.
7.25 The Rock in Rolf Yeers. 1975
- the year America pulled out of Vietnam. With musical memories from Kraftwerk, Cockney Rebel and Queen (r).

BBC1 WALES: 5.30pm-7.00
Wales Today, 2.30 Week in
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CENTRAL As London

ANGLIA As London

7.56 Prisoners of Conscience.

Dame Peggy Ashcroft highlights the case of one of the world's

prisoners of conscience.

8.00 The Train Now Departing. The
Victorian Steam Railway on the isle of Man.

8.30 Food and Drink reports on lunk

food, a "pudding club" and a crafty recipe for chicken tikks.

9.00 Now Something Else (r).

9.20 The Mind Machine examines the process of ageing and discovers that some affictions,

such as strokes and dementia, are not inevitable.

10.20 Building Sights. A first-year architecture student, Sophie Hicks, takes a lock at the De La Warr Pavilion in Beochil. 10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weether 11.20 Prisoners of Conscience. See

11.25 Film: Bediam (1946, b/w). Classic chiler about the notorious

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PRIME MINISTER

CHANNEL As London

18th-century mad-house, with Borls Karloff as the sadistic tyrant who runs it and Anna Lee as the woman determined to expose his majoractices. Val Lewton directs. Ends at 12.50mm

ITV/LONDON

6.90 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Lorraine Kelly and Richard Keys; 7.90 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathryn Holloway; 8.00 News; 9.00 News; 9.00 News and After Nine which includes an item on Christmas party clothes.

Christmas party clothes.

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word
association game. The
questionmaster is Lennie
Bennett 9.55 Thames news and
weather 10.00 The

weather 10.00 The
Time. . The Place. . . Mike Scott
chairs a topical discussion.

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series
presented by Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley. Includes
national news at 10.55 and

regional news at 11.55.
12.10 Reinbow. Learning with puppers. 12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a rounts Australian chaeses in a rounts Australian chaeses. set in a remote Australian sheep 1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville, 1.20 Thames News

and weather.

1.30 Snooker. Tony Francis
Introduces the opening session of
the best-of-17-frames match
between Jimmy White and alther
Terry Griffiths or Peter

Francisco. Francisco.
3.25 Themes News and weather.
3.36 The Young Doctors. Medical drams series set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Children's ITV starts with Tickle on the Turn (r). 4.10 The Rattles. 4.20 The Scoty Sheer Scoty and Susen learn Show. Sooty and Sweep learn about first aid (r). 4.45 Count Duckuta. Animation about a

vegetarian vampire. 5.10 Snooker Update. 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for

tsenagers.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 Thames News and weather, followed by Crimestoppers.
6.25 Help. Community action programme.

6.30 Prove IL Chris Tarrant meets

another selection of people with something to prove.

7.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show introduced by Michael Barrymore.

7.30 On the Big Hill. The fourth of six films about the British Services Exercise Eventilities 1988 Forces Everest Expedition 1988 finds the newly-selected first summit team preparing for their record-breaking ascent to the top of the world.

officers investigate a suicide case which DC "Tosh" Lines thinks may have been murder (Oracle).

8.30 Executive Stress. Cornedy
series with Penelope Keith and
Peter Bowles as a married couple who are joint managing

directors of a publishing company.

9.00 Boon. Comedy drama series starring Michael Elphick. Ken and Margaret get involved in organizing security at an upmarket country club.

10.00 News at Tan with Alastair

Burnet and Sandy Gall. 10.30 Thames News and weather. 10.35 First Tuesday. (see Choice). 11.35 Snooker. The Everest World Matchplay from Brentford in Essex. Dickie Devies presents coverage of a quarter final match.

12.30 Love Me Love Me Not. Game show litustrating how little men

and women know about the opposite sex. 1,00 Donahue. A discussion about

I Donahue. A discussion about an unusual domestic situation where a divorced woman lives in the same house as her ex-husband and his new wife. News headlines followed by Film: Valentina (1982): Anthony Quinn stars as a prisoner in a concentration camp reflecting upon his first love. With English dialogue. Amorito J

English dialogue. Antonio J Betancor directs.
3.30 The Twilight Zone.
4.60 News headlines followed by Superstars of Wrestling.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at at a co.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.

9.30 Schools.
12.00 The Parliament Programme.
12.30 Business Delly.
1.00 Jobsearch. (r) (Oracle). 1.30
Be Your Own Boas. Buying into a franchise (r) (Oracle).
2.00 Film: Pink String and Sealing War (1946, b/w). Ealing thriller directed by Robert Hamer, with Google Withers as an svil publandiady and Gordon Jackson landlady and Gordon Jackson as a young man who is infatuated

3.40 The Open Winfrey Show.
Drunk drivers who have killed someone talk about how it has affected — and even destroyed. their lives. 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Cuiz game.
5.00 American Football. Los
Angeles Raiders versus Denver

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (f).

6.30 The Secret Life of the Refrigerator. Tim Hunkin continues his demystification of domestic machines.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anne Parkins (Oracle). ent and weather.

VARIATIONS

HTV WALES ANTIVWERS

1.00 The Sullivens 1.20-1.30 Scotland Today 3.30-4.00 Scotland Today 3.30-4.00 Scotland Today

High Road 12.20cm Film: Boom at the Moon' 2.00 Americs's Top Test 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Rockin' in the UK 4.05 About Britain

SCOTTISH As London

8.00 The Divided Kingdom. Margo MacDonald, from Scotland, explores England's inner cities. Beatrix Campbell, from the north of England, responds

norm or engand, responds
(Oracle).

8.30 Noneyspinner explains how safe a "safe" investment is.

9.00 Bandung File commemorates the work of the American writer and civil rights campaigner, James Baldwin, and takes to Case Caesarina Kona Makhoere, who spent six years in prison for resisting apartheid,

10.00 Eurocope: Kidnapping in Paris. French thriller about two unconventional cops

inconventional cops
Investigating the kidnapping of s
banker. With English subtitles.

11.05 Seoff. Dawn French's off-beat
cookery series visits Liverpool.

11.35 American Footbell. See 5.00.

12.35 Badminton. The Carlsberg
Classic from Preston.

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1.35 Plim: Chie of the Silver Key
(1959, h/w). Edgar Wallace
suspense film with Bernard
Lee as Meredith of Scotland Yard.
Directed by Gerard Glaister.
Ends at 2.40am.

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Emmerdale Farm 4.30 Defenders
3.30 Country Practice 6.00 Angelus
4.01 Skr-One 7.40 Rapid Rouleats 7.30 The Pure Drop 6.00 John
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Nows 8.30 Today Tonight 10, 50 Tuesdey Documentary 11, 10 Rude Health
11.40 News, Closedown

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10,30 Network News 10,50 Nighthawks
11,36 Closedown

Beirut efter 62 days in captivity (see Choice)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: includes a

Blood boiling truths

TELEVISION

 Filling Yorkshire Television's First Tuesday slot (ITV, 10.35pm), Too Close to Home is the best type of campaigning documentary carefully researched, crisply presented and guaranteed to make the blood boil. Over the last 20 years, 29 people have died in the Leeds suburb of Armley of mesothelioma, a rare cancer caused by inhaling asbestos dust. The final total will be even higher. Once diagnosed, mesothelioma usually kills within two years and there is oo cure. The key to the Armley tragedy is the asbestos factory of J. W. Taylor Ltd. and the victims include not only former employees but people who lived, worked and went to school nearby. Though the factory closed 30 years ago, the asbestos dust is still taking its toll. John Kennelly discovered he had the



The Chase Manhattan building: asbestos fire-proofing is being stripped out at a cost of £1 million a floor (ITV, 10.35pm)

for the programme a week before his death at 42. His, widow is suing Turner and Newall, the company that owned the factory, for compensation. Turner and Newall denies responsibility. Other Armley people pursuing claims have had to wait up to eight years for a settlement. Turner and Newall has also been the subject of legal action in the United States - facing

Coxe, plano) 8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: J S Bach: Kantor, Kapellmeister and Organist: Sonata No 5 in F minor

Monica Huggett, violin and

(Monica Huggett, viotin and Ton Koopman, harpsichord); Chorale Prelude on Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Werner Jacob, organ); Cantata 140 Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Bach Ensemble under Joshua Rifitin, with Julianne Baird, soprano; Draw Minter, counter-tenoc;

Drew Minter, counter-tenor, Jeffery Thomas, tenor and Jan Opelach, bess)

9.25 The Inward Eye: Songs

about solitude by Schumann, Duparc and Wolf sung by Charles Naylor, baritone, with Michel Dussek, piano) (r) 10.05 Stokowski's Sheherazade:

Leopold Stokowski conducts the Philharmonia

(Canzone, Op 38); Piston

(Sonata): played by James Dower and John Lenehan

11,35 Concert from Kendal: The BBC Philharmonic

1.00 News
1.05 St David's Lunchtime
Recital: Live from St David's
Hall, Cardiff, Nikolai
Demidenko, piano, plays
Schubert (Four Impromptus,
D 935; Fantasy in C, O 760
"Wandersfantasie")
2.05 An Alternoon with

Orchestra in the Symphonic suite by Rimsky-Korsakov 11.00 American Flute Music: Copland (Duo); Barber

Radio 3

clothes. He was interviewed 200 claims in New York alone - over asbestos used in the structure of buildings. Some of the material, including that in the Chase Manhattan Bank headquarters, was developed in Armley. Chase Manhsttan is suing for £100 million. Because of the pending litigation, Turner and Newall declined to be interviewed.

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Peter Waymark

Radio 1

disease last Christmas. When

he was a child his mother, who

worked at the factory, brought

asbestos dust home on her

VHF Stereo — in London (104.8), the Midlands (98.4), the North (98.8), South Wates, Avon and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2), Central Sociand (98.6) and Belfast (96.0) and MW (medium wave) News on the half-hour from 6.30eze until 8.30pm, then at 10.30 and 12.30em 5.30 Adrian John 7.00 Simon

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12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve
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Bruno Brookes 7.30 The Strat
Pack 8.30 John Peel 10.30
Nicky Campbell 12.30-2.00 mm
Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF stereo and MW (medium wave)
4.00 Steve Madden 5.30 Chris
Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30
Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria
Humiford 3.30 Adrian Love
5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Steve Race
presents The Radio Orchestra
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Rennells presents Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music. WORLD SERVICE

All times in GNT.
7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News 7.30 Europe's World 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 World News 8.09 World News 9.09 Review of the Bridsh Press 8.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 10towed by Sports Roundup 9.45 C P E Bach 10.00 News Summary 10.07 Discovery 10.25 Sports Roundup 10.07 Discovery 10.25 Sports Americans 11.16 World News 11.08 News 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Mich 12.00 Newspreel 12.15 Matermack 7 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News 1.39 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 C P E Bach 3.00 Newsrael 2.15 A Joby Good Show 4.00 World News 2.45 C P E Bach 3.00 Newtrated 3.15 A Joby Bood 5.00 M 5.00 World News 4.15 Ornsbus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 House Akpuel 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.05 The World Today 8.25 Worlds of Feith 8.30 Menden 9.80 News Sommery 8.01 Sports Roundurg 8.15 Business Matters 8.30 Megamix 10.00 Newshow 11.00 World News 10.00 Commentary 11.15 From Britan's Music Festivals 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Ormibus 1.00 News 5.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Ormibus 1.00 News 5.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Chapter 5.15 Financial News 1.30 How It AB Begen 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 3.09 News About Britan 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgeninegazin 5.45 648 News Headmes 5.55 Financial News 8.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Marin

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headines 7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart (Horn Concerto No 4, K 495: Philharmona Orchestra under Herbert von Karajan with Dennis Brain, horn); Poulenc (Elègie: Seita Tanyel and Jeremy Brown, pianos) 7.30 News Poutenc (Elégie: Seiza Tan and Jeremy Brown, pianol 7.35 News 7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Tchaikovsky (Hamlet, tantasy overture: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under I ecnard Remstein); Dowland (The King of Denmark's Galtiard: Dowland Consort); Nielsen (Flute Concerto: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur, with Aurele Nicolert, flute); Grainger (A Jutish Melody, on Danish Folk Songs: Nigel Coxe, plano)

Norman Del Mar with the BBC Concert Orchestra (R3, 4.20pm)

4.20 BBC Concert Orchestra: led by Martin Loveday and conducted by Norman Del Mar. Weber (Overture - The Ruler of the Spints); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat, with Frank Lloyd, horn); Bridge (There is a Willow Grows Aslant a Brook):

Dvorak (Symphonic Variations)
5.30 Melhly for Pleasure: Presented by Michael Berkeley

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear; Hermione Lee talks to the Irish poet Seamus Heaney 7.30 French Drama of the 20th-Century Inew series): First of six plays: The Land Whers the King is a Child,

where the king is a Child, by Henri de Montherlant, and translated by Henry Read with Hugh Burden, sean Bury and Carlo Cura. Set between the two wars in the Auteuil district of Pans in a Cartholic boarding 9.40 Elliott Carter: The sixth of BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Edward Downes play Berlloz (Overture — The Corsaint: Spohr (Violin Concerto No 7 in E minor: with Valery Gradow, violin): Tchaikovsky (Suite No 3 In introduced by the composer. Emblems (BBC

composer. Emblems (BBC Singers under Simon Jofy, with Malcolm Binns, piano); String Quartet No 3 (Arditil String Quartet), Variations for Orchestra (Cincinatti Symphony Orchestra under Michael Gielen) (r)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Balakirev and Cut: Cui (Three Pushkin Settings: Le Désir, Op 57; Conjuration, Op 55 No 6; Chanson de Mary, Op 55 No 7); Balakirev (Symphony No 1 in C) (r)

12.00 News

12.05 Closedown



Charles Glass talks about life as a hostage (R4, 4.05pm) American journalist Charles Glass can say what he likes shout not wanting to spend the rest of his life being an ex-hostage. So long as he keeps on agreeing to be interviewed in programmes like Turning Points (Radio 4, 4.05pm), that intention will come to nothing. Glass spent 62 days in the hands of his Shia Muslim captors in Beirut. Bel Mooney, to whom he talks today, spares him the agony (and the boredom?) of having to itemize his deprivations for the umpteeth time. Nor does she ask him to repeat the details of what we are told was his great escape. Instead, she keeps bringing him back to those parts of his experience that most interviewers have not reached: how to reconcile his belief in a loving God with the monstrous things done in the name of religion. And, like all good journalists, Bel Mooney does this by swooping on a chance comment - almost a throwaway line. Glass says that for him, solitary confinement was a premonition of purgatory. Hell on earth is a natural corollary to this, and

Glass paints an infernal pic-

ture of the human bodies he

saw in a Lebanese refugee

camp being trampled so flat

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CAUGHT IN TREASURY FRAUD

The Prime Minister was branded a thicf yesterday after pocketing a pay increase

of £2 million. "These Treasury pay outs are nothing short of criminal," stormed Beatrice Rideout MP (Grand

National Froot). She then hit out at Prime Minister Philip Weston's refusal to pay any taxes, upsetting her wine glass in the process. "If he was a jockey he'd get 3 years for this," she shouted above the growing din. While the opposition launched into their tuneless chorus of

"fingers in the till Phil! Out! Out! Out!". Even David Pringle, the PM's staunchest ally, tried to

clarify the principles of collective responsibility and restraint. "You absolute burk, Phil" thundered Pringle PM of the Brixton Harmony and Happiness Party, "no-one wins if the

Treasury goes bankrupt." Their anger left Weston visibly rattled but he courageously retorted "they can say what they want -I've still got the Parliamentary majority."

when Weston went ahead

The skirmishing escalsted

already considerable business empire. loformed sources iosisted that an election was not far off. Voices and tempers rose leaving Weston to lament in the uproar, "lofamy, infamy! They've all got it in for me!"

Certainly, the players find their husiness and political talents pushed to the limits. After all, the game Poleconomy is definitely not for the meek.

with his purchase of British

Telecom adding it to his

POLECONOMY

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VAF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing: Weather
6.10 Farming Today five from the Royal Smithfield
Show 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) Day (s)
6.30 Today, presented by Brian
Redhead, incl 5.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News
6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.57

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10.00 News; Medicine Now: Geoff
Watts reports on the health
of medical care
10.30 Morning Story: The Sest of
Both Welds by Keith
Goodall. Read by Paul
Codman
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Critzens
11.25 From Our Own
Correspondent
11.50 The Encharted Canopy:
Andrew Mitchell explores
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12.00 News; You and Yours with
John Waits
12.25 Film Star; Alexander

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Walker's eight-part series
continues with a profile of
Anna Neagle, the exballroom dancer voted bast
British film actress for
movies such as The
Courneys of Curson Street
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Baker talks to pean duo
Richard Markham and David
Nettle, joined by Phyllis
Sellick who enjoyed a long
and satisfying career as a
dueltist with her husband,
the late Cyril Smith (s)

4.00 News
4.05 Turning Points: Bel Mooney
talks to journalist Charles
Glass, who escaped from

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4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes a feature on D H Lawrence's The Rainbow, broadcast on television on Sunday and a look a the songs of Fred Astaira (f)
5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Robert Williams
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Westher 6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial 6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report
6.30 Second Thoughts: A comedy in eight episodes by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petria, with James Bolan, Lynda Bellingham and Mark Denham (6) (s)
7.00 News
7.05. The Archers
7.20 File on 4 with Max Easterman who reports from Budapest on how real pluralism will be under the promised political

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Union
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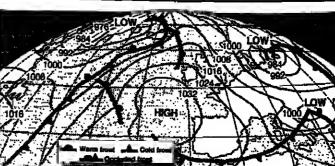
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Sun sets: 3.53 pm



Clarke plays down the storm in an egg-cup

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feed and improved handling to preveot contamination. Mr Ryder said: "The Gov-ernment looks to the industry

to implement all the measures on bygiene, transport, monitoring and feeding stuffs in full and at once in order to reduce salmonella in poultry breeding flocks.

"Eggs are a valuable source of protein and vitamins and provided the Chief Medical officer's advice is followed there is no need for members of the public to avoid eggs or egg products."

Both Mr Clarke and Sir Donald said yesterday that the public should not eat raw eggs or uncooked foods made from

Mr Clarke said there was a problem but it should be kept in perspective. Up to the end of October this year there had been 46 reported outbreaks of salmonella poisoning involving about 1,000 cases, with the most likely source being

Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health affairs, told Mr Clarke: "Surely it must be clear to you that Mrs Currie's embarrassment quotient exceeds her enter-tainment value."

Mr Clarke described Mrs Currie as an "exceedingly valuable member" of his team. That view was not shared by maoy Conservative MPs

Sir Hal Miller, who tabled the question to Mr Clarke, spoke of the consternation and anger caused by her rash

Of the 12,000 million eggs consumed in Britain every year, fewer than I per cent are imported_

The National Farmers Unioo said vesterday that it was no more or less likely that imported eggs could be in-fected by salmonella.

 BRUSSELS: The European Commissioo's Veterioary Committee will meet-tomorrow to discuss the growing problem of salmonella poisoning in foodstuffs, in an attempt to establish how serious the threat is and what can be done about it (Michael Dynes

writes). The meeting, which was called before the current ap-surge of public interest in salmonella poisooiog io Britain, will be attended by

vets from all member states. It is also expected to discuss the danger posed to the public from egg production affected

by the bacteria. The Commission asked for the subject to be discussed earlier this year, after anxieties expressed by some member states that certain cheeses imported from within the Community could be affected

with salmonella. the animal division of COPA. the European Farm Organization, said that he was surprised about recent reports of salmonella in eggs in Britain. which as far as he was aware, had not happened io any other

Community country. In theory, if member states felt the threat of salmouella poisoning was on the increase, the Commission could propose n co-ordinated eradicatioo pro-





The egg war combatants: Mr Simon Gorlay, president of the NFU, demonstrating his faith in eggs yesterday, and Mrs Currie leaving the Ministry of Health.

Plan for betting shops opening seven days a week

New Bill to allow Sunday horse racing

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Fresh legislation is expected to be brought before the Commons to allow Sunday borse racing.

Mr Andrew Mackay, Conservative MP for the Royal Ascot constituency of Berkshire East, came fourth in last week's ballot for Private Members Bills. He said yesterday Sunday racing would almost certainly be his choice.

Two similar Bills were introduced io the last session. Lord Wyatt of Weeford's Sunday Sports Bill went through the Lords but was blocked in the Commons, Mr Nicholas Soames, Conservative MP for Crawley, saw his Sunday Sports (Number Two) Bill talked out by its opponents during its

Commons second reading. Mr Mac-kay said that while his Bill would be based oo that of Mr Soames, modifications would allay the fears of opponents, in particular that for Sunday racing to be successful off-course bet-

One possibility is to limit by statute the oumber of Sundays a year oo which racing would be permitted and betting shops allowed to open. Mr Mackay masterminded oppo-

ting shops would also have to open.

sition to Mr David Alton's abortion reform Bill in the last session. He would be a formidable match for those who used procedural devices to stop the last two Sunday racing bills.

The Government is thought to be broadly in favour of the general aim. Mr Mackay will meet ministers and other interested parties this week before confirming his proposal. The Bill would also permit other professional sports on Sunday and eod the anomaly whereby Sunday restrictions are circumvented through selling programmes rather than tickets.

Mr Mackay said: "I am the sort of Conservative who believes in less laws rather than more, and I am very against the nanny state. "By and large, I do not believe Parliament knows best bow people

should conduct their individual lives. It is therefore very natural I should bring in a deregulating Bill rather than one which increases regulation."

Opponents of the last two Sunday sports Bills saw them as precursors of a full-blooded government Bill to allow shops to open oo Sundays and treated them with great hostility.

The Government has since said it

will only reform Sunday trading laws when there is a clear majority for what it proposes, possibly half-day opening. However, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Orpington, who led oppositioo to the two earlier Bills,

said last eight that another racing Bill would be equally unsuccessful. He said he could see oo point in piecemeal" reform of Sunday trading laws when the Government was

proposing comprehensive reform. Mr Mackay said be was confident he would have a majority in both the Commons and the country. However, he said steering such a Bill onto the statute book was another matter.

peted refusal to extradite. they can carry on cooperating in quieter ways. But, for us, these securityfailures are equally important. Stalemate in the campaign agaiost terrorism

rick Ryan.

Maybe the Government

needs to be blamed on someone and a foreign govern-meot is clearly the happiest choice; but, crucially, there must be an identifiable weak link in the security-chain which we can all deplore as the one thing that stands between us and peace io Ulster. Familiar wars, like old friends, are always preferable to the unknown. Back-

benchers always get the wrong end of the stick. One was reminded of that, again, in Monday's exchanges with Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, about the Mappa Mundi, Labour backbenchers were worried almost to distraction about this national treasure. Indeed one recalls happy eveniogs the ard Livsey."Of her!" they Strangers' Bar discussing the yelled. Mappa over a pint of Fed. with coal-mining MPs whose constituents were already troubled by Hereford Cathedral's financial problems.

True, even oow, some may be coofusing "Mappa Mundi" with Sheffield Wednesday, while others have the Copa Mondiale io

Nooe has got it so wrong as the Democrats' Simon mioister to rule out the private sale of this treasure.

were he to do so. Mr Luce ried on giggliog. would be depriving the

a cure for all ills There was an unaccountable Cathedral of a brilliant way of full, on Monday, io the Prime extracting funds from an Minister's efforts to make it alarmed public? There is not politically impossible for the the remotest danger of this Irish to extradite Father Pat- thing, whatever it is, being sold abroad, but Hereford needs to stir up the maxifeels it has done enough, but mum national anxiety that it might be. Why remove the

Political sketch

Princess Edwina.

one must warn against comthreat and wreck a successful placency. Hours have passed fund-raising campaign? without attempts by back-I once knew a widow who benchers to prejudge the trial. would tearfully plan to seil or front-bench statements hectoring the Irish for not doing as they are told. There debts pressed. Friends rallied round. It never failed. Catheis a small but discernible drals which lack a heritagedanger that the Republic item with a funny foreign might seize this calm as an

name should lovent one.

opportunity to act without seeming to do so on British Governments lucky enough to possess an Edwina Currie should cherish her. This would be unfortunate Hurricanes have devastated for both governments. The the Caribbean; cyclones have Irish must remind their own voters that they are oot afraid to cock a snook at the British. drowned thousands in the East: domestic inflation is scamperiog out of the Chan-Behind the occasional trumcellor's control and oor trade deficit is swelling to colossal proportions. But are we worried? Are the popular papers packed with dismal news? No! For Princess Edwina of

Derbyshire South is at hand. My secretary's 84-year-old mother greeted the trade figures with a massive calm, saving emotional resources for the campaign against killer-semolina in her eggs. Hal Miller (Conservative, Bromsgrove) who has fought for years for Birmingham's car industry, clobbered by foreign imports, turned from this struggle to face an oo-slaught of allegedly salmooella-free Dutch eggs. "This is an international problem!" cried Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health. "Oh! Oh!" shouted back-

benchers. "There should be a thoroughgoing investigation" warned the Democrats' Rich-

"There is no poisooing to Northern Ireland!" boomed Ian Paisley.

"What? Not even from Catholic eggs?" came the cry. "Mrs Currie's embarrassment-quotient now exceeds her entertaiomcot-value", was the judgement of Labour's spokesman, Robin Cook. What in Heaven's name makes him think we have to choose? If Ted Heath Hughes, who wanted the had had an Edwina Currie, the lights could have gone out all over the country and the Does he not realize that, nation would just have car-

Matthew Parris

Traffic close to seizing up

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Wandsworth could have arisen almost anywhere in Loodon. If it happens on a vital route and you can't clear it quickly enough, you can expect there to be large scale congestion which certainly spreads throughout the immediate area probably throughout most of central Londoo within the space of one or two hours."

Yesterday's problems began at 1.20 pm when workmen

worth. More than 100 bomes were evacuated, roads closed, many Southern Regioo and Uoderground train services halted and buses rerouted because of an explosion risk.

Within 21/2 hours there was a seveo-mile tail back down the A3 and traffic was at a oear-standstill throughout Waodsworth, Battersea. were told to turn off their me of this."

"A similar problem to Armoury Way, part of the explosion. British Gas re- more than about 12,000 of a North Atlantic Council forces. was allowed to clear before the road was re-opened at 5.10. One driver reported taking about an bour to cover two miles after taking this diversion.

Mr Gary Thorogood, who had been iovolved in the jam for more than two miles, said: "I have had the radio oo for the last hour and a half but Putney, and Fulham. Drivers have heard nothing to warn

US fears a Soviet arms-control coup damaged a 30 in gas main in engines to reduce risk of Continued from page 1

In addition, under a "stationing rule", each country would be permitted no more than 4,000 tanks on foreign soil, which would affect only the Soviet Union, since there are about 10,000 Soviet tanks in Eastern Europe. The only Nato country with more than 4,000 tanks deployed is West Germany, with 4,330, but they

are all oo its territory. Nato foreign ministers will in order to remove the present

good shelter from the wind. Outlook: becoming mostly dry.

package of proposals will be

examined for the first time. British officials stressed that the leaked proposals would not necessarily be approved by Nato governments. It was clear, however, that whatever Nato governments finally de-cide, the main thrust of the proposals will be for a big cut in Soviet tanks and other offensive fighting equipment

Strong to gale-force north to north-westerly winds

be in Brussels on Thursday for imbalances in conventional force-comparison study, Nato

Yesterday, British diplomatic sources said it was "highly premature" to publish some of the Nato arms cootrol details when there was still oo agreemeot between governments.

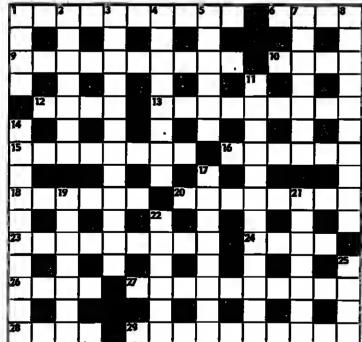
If approved, the package will be the basis of Nato's negotiating position when the new Cooventional Stability Talks involving Nato and the Warsaw Pact begin next year.

In a recently published pieces.

put Warsaw Pact forces at Soviet, 22,400 armoured infantry fighting vehicles and 43,400 artillery pieces. This was compared with

Western totals, including those of France and Spain, neither of which is in Nato's integrated military structure, of 16,424 tanks (excluding those in store), 4,153 armoured infantry fighting vehicles and 14,458 artillery

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17.845



ACROSS

- 1 Small volume of overseas tour-
- 6 Tower maintenance (4).
- 9 One into hanging baskets? (10). 10 Poker drive (4). 12 Force piano ioto inclined plane
- 13 Most recent history dead to Omar? (9).
- 15 Where you may be taken to if you have a marked suit (8). 16 Old boys sporting a top-hat to
- 18 Arrhythmic playing gives polish at end of concerto (6).
- 20 Slack, sometimes, about deficitivhich is enormous (8). 23 Australian flier in shady place with girl friend (5-4).
- 24 Old pulpit plucked from Dur-ham bonfire (4).
- 26 Dry fresh air before break of day (4). 27 Just like Barnum? (4-6).
- 28 Villains' shadows (4). 29 Being told about northern terrier (10).

- Bus characters unruly after park-ing in these premises (4).
- 2 Free publication for delivery (7). 3 Gradual defiation now Cup re-
- sult is rectified (4.8). 4 Resting-place in France good and ready, perhaps (8).
- 5 Loosened bosses' grip (6). 7 Bigot's noble estate. (7), 8 Pet to retrieve to Eastern grow-
- 11 Right place for a second grant (12).
- 14 It shows how many men get in (5-5).
- 17 Take cover from file and look up "Noosense" (8). 19 Shantyman Tom coming in
- from one end (7). Litter in clubs perhaps? Help to get the paper out (3-4).
- 22 Abuse of one in business (6). 25 God of noise abatement? (4).
 - Concise crossword, page 20

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the inguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard BRICOLEUR a. A two-coloured flag b. An accidental inventor BILANDER a. A sailing ship b. A horse marine c. The Greenland goose

URTICATION a. A bear garden b. A pox or rash c. Flogging with nettles BLIND FREDDIE a. Extremely inept b. Night radar

c. The pygmy mare Answers on page 20, column ?? Solution to Puzzle No 17,844

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London; The FT Index closed down 0.7 at

will make it feel cold in most places, especially on exposed coasts and hills. Frequent squally showers, mostly in the North and East. Many of the showers will have a wintry look about them, often falling as sleet or snow in the North and East and on high ground elsewhere. The best of the sunshine will be in the West and South West and also those places with

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, 9C (48F); min 3 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F); Hurniday: 8 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24fr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 8 pm, 12mr. Bar, mean sea level, 9 pm, 1006.6 milliones refere milibers, rising. 1.000 milibers=29.53in. LIGHTING-UP TIME

Moon rises 4.59 am New Moon December 9

NOON TODAY

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Trade-weighted 78.7 (+0.2)

CHRIS HARRIS

Executive Editor David Brewerton

Electronics buy in US for Dobson

mining equipment and engineering group, is to buy Transducers Inc., a US electronics company, for an initial \$14 million (£7.5 million) and a further \$6 million in deferred payments.

Pre-tax profits at Dobson Park jumped 25.6 per cent to £17.7 million for the year on turnover up 7 per cent to £236 million. The dividend is raised to 3.6p net per share,

the first increase for five years. The company is oow undertaking a reorganizatioo. Transducers made pre-tax profits last year of \$1.4 million on sales of \$11.6 million. Tempus, page 24

Caradon leaps Caradoo, the boilding prodprofits from £9 million to £15.4 million in the half year to October 4. The interim dividend is raised 1p to 3.5p. Tempus, page 24

Norcros ahead

Norcros, the industrial holding company, raised pre-tax profits 18.3 per ceot to £29.1 million io the six months to September 30. The interim dividend is raised 25 per cent

Tempus, page 24 STOCK MARKETS

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm \$14,40bbl (\$14.53) Denotes latest trading price



 British Steel shares (03555) opened at a small premium on the 60p partly-paid price yester-

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Partly-paid shares hold steady in heavy turnover

Steel opens at a 3p premium

The drama of the British flotation ended when the partly-paid shares opened at a premium of just 3p on the issue price at the start of dealings in London and New York.

The price remained close to its opening level, despite heavy turnover. It was effectively set by Shearson Lehman, the US securities house, when it became the first market-maker to display its price on Seaq, the Stock Exchange pricing system.

Shearson opened the bidding at 62p bid, 64p offered, for the 60p partly-paid shares, demolishing the final burdle the issue had to jump — opening at a premium rather

Within the first 20 minotes, more than 100 million shares were traded through Seaq, and at one point the price slipped to 59½p-61p, although by the close of business it had rallied to a middle-market price of 624p, after 261 million shares

considered satisfactory, although there is oo profit at all for investors hoping to make a quick killing

There was little evidence of institutions moving into the market to "top up" at any price, despite the "claw-back" of shares from overseas and British institutions to meet public demand. But soon after the market opened Goldman Sachs reported a trade of 1.12 million shares at 601/2p.

Mr Paul Richards, a director of Samuel Montagu, the Government's adviser, said: "We have a premium on the issue and everyone is feeling pretty pleased.

But Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of British Steel, said: "The City really has oot been steel literate. "In Tokyo the City equiva-

lent knows all about steel and the same applies in the US. This has been an eye-opener for many people in our City. From here on it will be our job to maintain and develop that

Sir Robert, aged 67, who The modest opening pre-mium, given the soft market Steel in April 1986, said there

conditions yesterday, was had been some "bizarre anxieties" over the past few weeks about the flotation of shares but he had always been confident of the outcome

> British Steel, once the biggest public sector loss-maker, is forecasting £550 millioo profits for the coming year. It is the fourth-biggest steelmaker in the free world and offers steel at prices compet-itive with those of Third World countries.

Payment for the shares is in two parts - 60p now and 65p in September.

Meanwhile, as dealings started, about 2,000 suspect applications were being investigated by Touche Ross, the accountant. In some cases, multiple applicants will not know for several mooths that the Fraud Squad is investigating them.

The Steel sale marks the end of the Department of Trade and Industry's direct involvement in industry. The focus of privatization is likely to shift to the Eoergy Department (responsible for selling coal and electricity) and the Department of the Environment (responsible for selling water).



Fizzing over: Sir Robert Scholey celebrating his award and the start of dealings yesterday

Scholey wins business approval Sir Robert Scholey - "Black most efficient integrated steel

Bob" to his friends in the steel industry — had the satisfaction of being named Businessman of the Year yesterday, despite the dall start to dealings in British Steel shares.

The British Steel chairman was given the award for "the rision and dedication" which have helped to transform Steel from a record-breaking loser of a company into one of the producers in the world."

The award, organized for the Joint British Cancer Charities by JO Hambro & Co, is given for an outstanding contribution to the winner's own company, his community and the country.

Sir Robert was presented with his award at London's Savoy Hotel where he said he hoped he had helped to change

Steel's image as a "dirty, down-at-beel and passé industry," particularly in the City.

The panel of judges, which included Mr David Brewerton, The Times' Executive Editor, Finance and Industry, commended Sir Robert for showing the toughest husiness decisions can be handled with human respect and for never forgetting a company is its

Kelt complains to Panel on possible Aran counter-bid

By John Bell, City Editor

complained to the City Takeover Panel about a possible counter offer from Aran Energy, the Irish exploration

Aran shares were suspended nn the Dublin and London exchanges prior to a statement that the group was in talks with Carless over a recommended offer. Aran promised more news within 48 bours.

Kelt feels the holding state-

eficiary yesterday of the fail-ure by the US authorities to

raise interest rates, as official figures confirmed the strength

Sterling's strength again

forced the Bank of England

into action to restrain it,

although the intervention was

thought to have been modest.

Final October figures from

the Department of Trade and

Industry showed that the in-

dex of retail sales volume rose

by 2 per cent to 141.2

(1980=100), easily a record

Sales were strong in all

sectors, although there was a

of retail sales in Britain.

Kelt Energy, which is bidding ment from Aran leaves statement saying that there is £207 million for Carless, has Carless shareholders in the no offer on the table. dark at a late stage in its own

> Kelt's offer reaches its second closing date on Thursday. Its 115p per share cash alternative may be withdrawn on Thursday, if Kelt is not in a position to make its bid unconditional

The French-controlled Kelt group wants the panel to rule that Carless must produce an

Shop sales at record levels

The pound was the main ben- small reduction in sales vol- £3.57 billion September fig-

ume in clothing and footwear between September and Octo-

ber. The average weekly value

of sales in October was £2.23

billion up from £2.09 billion

The figures, which con-

trasted with evidence from

some leading retailers of a

downturn in demand, and

with Confederation of British

vey data, surprised the finan-

in September.

cial markets.

Before Aran could make a

firm offer it would require approval from the Department of Energy.

Unlike Kelt, Aran is oot curreoily classified as an opcrator by the DoE. A bid for Carless by the much smaller Aran would also be subject to approval by Aran share holders.

Kelt currently has control of offer immediately or make a about 48 per cent of Carless.

ure, but still at a high level.

But the increase in the am-

ount of consumer credit out-

standing, a rise of £81 million to £26.29 billion, was the

smallest since November

1986, and down on the £321

million figure for September.

the publication of US employ-

to pull out By Carol Ferguson

Thomson

International Thomson Organisation, the publishing package holidays and energy group, has put its oil and gas exploration and production interests up for sale.

The decision to pull out of the North Sea comes when two of Thomson's fields, Piper and Claymore, are out of commission as a result of the explosioo on the Piper plat-

form this year. Dr Keith Morris, North Sea analyst at Kit Kat & Aitken, estimates that remaining rein production or under development should fetch about £2 a barrel. "You can add io £10 million to £20 million for the acreage," be added. This would give a selling value of about £160 millioo to £170

Comment.

million for Thomsoo's 75 million barrels. "But there is a high degree of variability in the numbers, depending on Piper," he said.

Thomsoo has been involved in North Sea exploration since 1971 when it joined the US Occidental Petroleum company in a consortium to apply for licences in the fourth round of licensing. It now has interests in several oil fields, capable of producing about 40,000 barrels of oil a day.

However, with Piper out of commission, and assuming Claymore begins producing again in the new year, Thomsoo's output should average about 23,000 b/d in 1989.

The pound continued to The company said the sale gain yesterday, benefiting from the failure of the US would allow it to concentrate oo its core businesses of Industry/Financial Times sur- Federal Reserve Board to raise information, publishing and leisure travel. Throughout the the official discount rate after 1980s, Thomson used the cash flows from Piper and Claymore to build op a substantial publishing business in the US.

The sale should be com-

pleted within three mooths.

W Collins rejects 'ludicrous' NI bid By Our Financial Staff William Collins has rejected national already owns 42 per

Mr Ian Chapman, chairman cellence merits a premium rating" because of its achieveinvestment for the nineties.

But in the bid document, Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief ent perfor-Collins and said NI wished to els of growth". strengthen management.

However, Mr Chapman says NI's representatives on the Collins board have at oo time expressed concern with the strength of Collins mantured for the purposes of a employees alike." cheap hid". News Inter-

as "ludicrously low" the take- cent of Collins voting shares over bid by News Inter- and 10 per cent of its non-national which values the voting capital and argues that

Glasgow publisher at £293 it has no need to pay a million.

In a letter to shareholders, says other shareholders should not be pressured by a shareof Collins, says "Collins' ex- bolder with less than 20 per cent of all the share capital. "Our authors are our life

ments of the eighties and its blood," says Mr Chapman. Collins says it has an exceptional collection of copyrights and skills in acquiring new executive of News Inter- authors. It also anticipates national, strongly criticized that investment in titles almance and low morale at deliver cootinuing high lev-

"This bid threatens ooe of the few remaining independent UK publishers of stature," says Mr Chapman. "For this reason, if oo other, it is a agement and charges that the serious matter for shareholdcritique was "clearly manufac- ers, authors, customers and

US links tariff cuts to EEC subsidies

From Bailey Morris Montreal

Trade ministers from the world's ricb countries offered important concessions yes-terday to poorer countries in the first breakthrough in the talks to cut protectionism under the Uruguay Trade Round.

The majority of the 96 nations attending the talks under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade agreed to proposals that would reduce tariff barriers on an estimated \$70 billion (£37.43 billion) of trade for the developing world.

Without these concessions on trade in tropical products and the new proposals to reduce tariffs for the poorest

nations, the talks would have collapsed, officials said. The agreement on tropical products is the first time developing oations have agreed to break domestic bar-

riers on the import of goods.

But the US will agree to reforms in tropical products only if they are linked to the successful outcome of the negotiations on agricultural subsidies which have led to a pitter dispute with Europe.

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and In-dustry, said: "We must reach an agreement on tropical products, an area of great mportance to developing countries.

Britaio is expected to play a trong role io the battle to cut agricultural subsidies which began last oight. Lord Youog added: "The most important subject at this meeting is agriculture. High levels of support io many countries have led to large increases in out-put. Surpluses have piled up and the costs are high. We in the EEC have made significant reforms. But they are a first step towards more marketorientated policies we need.

DC Wilson in liquidation

DC Wilson and Partners, the Manchester firm which advised thousands of clients to invest in the crasbed Barlow lowes empire, has gone into iquidation. In June, the firm's icence to trade was suspended by Fimbra, the brokers and intermediaries supervisor.

Mr Derek Slade, of Arthu Young, the chartered accountant, has been appointed liquidator. He said Wilson directors believed there was oo justificatioo for the suspension but decided on a liquidation to safeguard their position and that of the creditors. Inquiries should go to Mr Slade at Arthur Young, Commercial Union House, Letters, page 15 | Albert Square, Manchester.

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Consumer credit data from the DTI, also for October, displayed a mixed picture. Gross credit advances, at £3.45 bilbon, were slightly down on the ment data oo Friday. Sterling rose by 1.35 cents to \$1.8710, and by 1.3 pfennigs to DM3.2256. The sterling index gained 0.2 points to 78.7. £2bn fraud police hold Britons Thomas Quinn, a disbarred New York

By Tony Hetherington

Iovestigators in Spain and Switzerland have established links between fraudulent stockbrokers in Marbella and Lugano who are believed to be part of a worldwide network, covering 70 countries, which has cost investors an

estimated £2 billion. Police in Marbella have arrested a Briton, Mr Michael Reeve, after raiding the offices of Corany Investments. Corany is alleged to have been using high-pressure "boiler-room" telephone calls to investors in Britain to sell shares in the Bel Air Fund, said to be a Panamaregistered currency futures business.

Five Americans escaped arrest, however, including Mr Ronald Ernest Barnhardt, a former Toronto stockbroker believed to be behind Corany. Interpol has been asked to belp trace bim. Corany was set up in September and operated from offices previously used by a similar company, First Gibraltar Financial Consultants, of which Mr Barnhardt was a director. Police io Marbella believe First

Gibraltar and Corany together netted as much as £200 million. Working from

professionally prepared mailing lists and publicly available shareholders' registers

of privatized companies, salesmen

would telephone likely investors and offer them shares in companies such as Pilgrim Venture, said to be a Florida advertising company tipped as "the Saatchi and Saatchi of tomorrow."

Pilgrim Venture collapsed when investigators from the Securities and Exchange Commission found it was a shell. An SEC official said: "The company had never carried on any legitimate business. The shares were selling at more than 100 times book value, and when we knocked on the doors of the people recorded as officers of the company, we found they did not even know each other. They were paid fronts. The company only existed on paper so the shares could be promoted in

Pilgrim Venture shares were also sold by broking firms in Switzerland, where four companies, Chelsea Securities, Equity Management Services, Kettler Investments, and Falcontrust Financial. have been raided by police and closed down, More than 20 arrests have been made in Switzerland and at branches of the companies in France and Germany. Those arrested include Mr Andrew

Chapman, aged 32, a Briton who was a

director of three of the four defunct businesses. French police are holding Mr

lawyer. Scotland Yard is investigating possible association with three controversial British share-dealing firms in Swiss investigators led by Mr Laurent Kasper-Ansermet, a Geneva magistrate,

have found evidence of bank transfers from the Swiss companies to Spain. SEC officials say they know the identity of an associate of Mr Quinn whom they had expected to surface as a salesman at one of the Swiss firms. Instead, the man was found to be working for First Gibraltar. giving investigators their first clear link between Mr Quinn and the Marbella

Mr Kasper-Ansermet said yesterday that he was disappointed the Spanish authorities had not acted sooner to arrest those behind the fraud. "I am very sad about this. The Spanish police have only just begun to act. Some of the Spanish boiler-rooms are clearly connected to the cases I am investigating and evidence from the wanted Americans would have been extremely useful."

Spain has little in the way of investor projection legislation, and with the swindlers careful never to cheat Spanish citizens, there has been little pressure oo The

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Willaire pays £4.3m for two companies

Willaire Group, the electronics, environmental and industrial services company, is paying at least £4.3 million for Medical Air Technology, which specializes in medical and pharmacentical applications, and Climperhurst, which maintains air conditioning units. A further £1.25 million may be payable depending on future profits.

The deal will be financed via the issue of 23.89 million new ordinary shares, on a 2.79-for-10 basis. The issue is underwritten by Chase Investment Bank, which has agreed to pay 18p per share. Willaire's shares fell 1p to 19p on the news. Medical Air Technology achieved pre-tax profits of £536,000 in the year ended March, while Climperhurst made £116,000 pre-tax. Willaire also forecast an increase in pretax profits from £1.32 million to £2.3 million for the year to end-December, and a final dividend of 0.5p (0.33p) per share.

Acal ahead at half time

Acal, the electronic components and industrial controls' distributor, increased pre-tax profits from £1.17 million to £1.70 million for the six months to September 30. mainly due to strong order growth, particularly in continental Europe. Turnover rose from £17.83 million to £20.83 million. Earnings per share are 7.6p (5.7p). The interim dividend is 1.35p.

89% rise for Beaverco

Shares in Beaverco, the Un-listed Securities Marketquoted manufacturer of fireretardant safety foam, rose 5p to 250p after the announcement of pre-tax profits up 89 per cent, from £560,000 to £1.06 million, in the six months to September 31. Earnings per share rose from 5.4p to 9.3p. The interim dividend was raised from 1.7p to 1.9p.

Interim £3m at Leigh

Leigh Interests, the Walsall waste disposal firm, increased pre-tax profits from £1.79 million to £3.03 million for the six months to September 30. However, the company admitted some of its plants had suffered difficulties during the period following criticism over the import of about 2,000 tons of toxic waste from the controversial Karen B ship this year.
Turnover rose to £24.17 million (£20.42 million). Earnings

per share were 7.0p (5.6p) and the interim dividend is up from 1.83p per share to 2.02p.

Clayhithe up to £1.83m

Claybithe, the property and investment company which merged with the Betec engineering group last year. raised pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September from £914,000 to £1.83 million. Turnover was np from £11.30 million to £13.01 million, with earnings per sbare rising from 3.77p to 7.76p. An interim dividend of 1.50p (0.75p) is declared.

Allied Irish raises offer

Allied Irish Banks has raised its offer for the outstanding shares of First Maryland Bancorp from \$340 million (£181.91 million) to \$371 million. The new offer is recommended by the FMB board. AIB owned 49.7 per cent of FMB when it made its offer in September. AIB says the new offer would not result in any initial dilu-tion of earnings per share.

Whitbread expands

Homark Associates, a leading maker of beer engines and other drink-dispensing equipment, has been bought by Whitbread, the brewer, for an undisclosed sum,

Homark, a private company which employs 100 people and has factories in Poole and Wareham, Dorset, and Rotherham, South Yorkshire, will be integrated with Whitbread's Inntec Services which supplies and installs dispensing and other equipment for public houses. Homark last year had a turnover of £4 million with pre-tax profits of £310,000.

Dobson deal raises question marks

When last July Dobson Park same way as goodwill and Industries bought MS Inter- write it off against reserves. national's mining equipment division and simultaneously disposed of its 28.3 per cent holding in MS, it looked the perfect deal. Dobson got the bit of MS it really wanted when it launched its abortive £33 million bid earlier in the year, while MS was freed from the threat of a new Dobson

MS also got a very attractive price for its mining equipment division - just how attractive becomes clearer with Dobson's preliminary results. Dobson paid £12.5 million cash for the division, and lost a further £2 million or so on the placing of MS shares. It also provided an additional £7.9 million against reserves

for reorganization costs. In all Dobson appears to have paid £22.4 million for an annual profits stream of £1.2 million before tax, rising to £1.9 million after reorganization. Admittedly, the deal makes Dobson joint market leader with Dowty, but it is questionable how desirable it is to be a leading player in a

declining industry.

Analysts will also raise a question mark over the accounting treatment of the £2 million loss on the MS share disposal. Normally gains and losses on share transactions are taken through the profit and loss account, but Dobson argues that as the share sale was a condition of the whole deal, it can treat the loss in the published yesterday.

With goodwill, reorganization provisions and other fair value adjustments, shareholders' funds are reduced by £15.8 million as a result of this deal. Meanwhile, the group is having rather more success with its industrial electronics division. The acquisition of Transducers Inc will make Dobson one of the larger players in the US. The company makes medium-tech

components for weighing machines, and is a good bolt-on acquisition for its Revere Mr Sandy Morris, analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, is looking for just a modest profit advance this year to £18.5 million, up 5 per cent.

The prospective multiple is

about right at 8.4 times, but

investors may be tempted by the 7.5 per cent yield. Caradon

Caradon is boping to be the exception that proves the rule - a building materials stock that uses its concentration on quality-branded products to evade the much-predicted downturn in the building

industry. It relies for 75 per cent of its sales on the housing repair and maintenance market, set to rise by 7 per cent in the current year and 3 per cent in 1989, according to a building materials industry forecast

be able to raise Everest profits

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The Everest double glazing business, performing miserably when it was bought from RTZ in May, should be good for future growth beyond the current financial year as of a 6 per cent market share in Caradon sees the benefit of this country, which could be cost-cutting, a more focused approach to marketing, and incentive packages for its sales force — all noticeably lacking

under its previous ownership. Caradon's pre-tax profits of strengthening cost control in £15.4 million in the half year to October 4, up from £9 million last time, included only a minimal contribution from Everest. Caradon's core businesses, which include Twyfords Bathrooms, Mira

the company claims no sign of a sales downturn since. Caradon believes it should

showers and Celuform clad-

ding, saw a 15 per cent volume

rise during the first half, and

to 10 or 12 per cent of sales, now running at £120 million a year, once reorganization and revitalization is complete. This would be on the basis

expanded to 10 per cent within 5 years. Meanwhile, capital spending which doubled this year to £20 million, is directed to

the core businesses rather than raising output. But uncertainty about its alty. vulnerability to high interest rates will continue until the full benefits of Everest are

At yesterday's share price, up 4p at 322p, the shares are changing hands at about 9.3 million before tax in the

unexciting 4.3 per cent yield. The shares remain one of the suddenly become very cheap, few growth stocks in the sector, but are unlikely to do much in the short term.

Norcros

Has Norcros won the battle in order to lose the war? The company, still bearing the scars of the narrow escape from Williams Holdings, has swapped its UBM builders Crosby manufacturing arm of Meyer International.

Norcros had always strug-UBM, too small in a market dominated by the big sheds of the DIY groups, and decided is would feel more comfort-

But the sharp rise in interest consumer spending, particularly at the refurbishment end of the trade where its ceramies million. business could be a big casu-

the year, announced yesstock market and left analysis

A total dividend for the year be too preoccupied with their of 10.5p would imply an own problems although that may change if Norcros shares

Group pre-tax profits for the half year to September were 18 per cent higher at £29.1 million with carnings per share showing an 11.9 per cent advance to 14.1p.

UBM saw profits slump 40 per cent to £3.4 million. The business was badly hit by reorganization costs aimed at reducing overheads. The print merchants business for the and packaging side produced virtually unchanged earnings of£6.3 million on turnover up 10 per cent. But while trading gled to make a success of profits in local currencies were ahead, sterling profits fell £800,000 as a result of exchange rate movements.

The ceramics division made able concentrating on manu- £8.5 miltion, up from £6.8 facturing building products million, while lhe building rather than distributing them. products pushed up profits from £3.5 million to £6.4 rates is bound to choke off million. Property, an increasingly important contributor to the group, chipped in £8.6

portit warr

For the current year Noreros should be capable of Results for the first half of making just over £73 million where the shares, at 309p. terday, failed to impress the down 11p on the results, are on a p/e of just under nine. cautious about the future. It is But it could start to feel the difficult to argue with them. crunch next year as interest Norcros even appears to have rates start to bite. Buyers keen times future earnings, assum- lost its long-standing specu- on a company now under an ing an easily achievable £32 lative appeal. Other huilding chergetic new management companies, who might have could find cheaper buying fancied bidding, are likely to opportunities in 1989.

Lexicon cuts its losses and maintains payout

By Wolfgang Münchan

Lexicon, the troubled Boston, have been rectified. The Mass., manufacturer of spec-London quotation, has cut its losses to \$906,000 (£484,000) from \$1.62 million for the year ended August 31. Sales rose 43 per cent to \$9.9 million. The company says it has reached break-even point during the last few months. It recently introduced three products for the high-end consumer and the small studio market.

The three were introduced during the second half of the year, but sales and profitability were hit by start-up delays, at 0.25 cents — unchanged which, the company claims, from last year.

improvement in the ialist audio equipment with a dollar/yen exchange rate, the use of off-shore manufacturing and spins-offs from the high end of digital processing technology, have helped to achieve the improvement.

> Costs may decline further as research, and development expenditure, as a percentage of sales, is likely to fall.

R&D expenditure increases from \$2.45 million to \$2.85 million. Losses per share doubled to \$0.06. Despite the losses, Lexicon's directors have maintained the dividend

Hinari switch towards European manufacture

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Hinari, which claims to be Britain's fastest-growing consumer electronics group. is switching more of its sourcing to Europe. It already has a factory in Britain.

It also has a stock market flotation as an option on its road to rapid expansion. which is making Mr Brian Palmer, Hinari's founder and chairman, the counterpart in a largely different sector of Mr Alan Sugar at Amstrad.

Amstrad is mainly involved in computers while Hinari -a name designed to give a "Japanese" flavour - is in small domestic electrical appliances, television sets and video and audio products. There is some direct competition with Amstrad, notably in video cassette recorders.

Hinari Consumer Electronics, based in Scotland, was formed in 1985 and in the first year had a pre-tax profit of £152,000 on sales of £10.5 million. This year a £3.1 million profit is expected on a turnover of £70.5 million; sales in the first six months doubled on last year. Next year sales are forecast at £120 million.

About 8 per cent of Hinari products are made at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow, where its products are also designed. So far a range of kettles is manufactured - Hinari claims 10 per cent of Britain's electric but Mr Palmer is looking to innovative ones.



On line for growth: Brian Palmer, chairman of Hinari

kettles market - but a new bring more manufacturing to product is also to be made there. This is a combined approaches and the possibility compact disc, cassette deck of trade barriers looms. and radio being made in the Far East but due for assembly being planned for next year. "I at Cumbernauld from April.

Hinari sources mainly from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Ja-pan largely because of the availability of components in the Far East. Pricing is crucial two years ago moved into

Europe as the single market would like to think we will manufacture more of our own products," he said.

Hinari started with "metoo", or copy-cat products, but

B&T up to £4.5m at half time

Brown & Tawse, the Dundee steel stockholder and pipe distributor, had a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £4.5 million in the six months to end-September.

Despite a rise in interest charges from £546,000 to £831,000, margins continued to improve on turnover up 19 per cent to £81 million. The chairman says acquisitions and new branches reinforced sales growth and profits.

The interim dividend has been raised by 19 per cent to 2.85p per share on earnings up 28 per cent to 10.2p. B&T says the second half

has started well Appeal delays merger case

A hearing on the plan for a merger between London Life and Australian Mutual Provdent was vesterday adjourned

until next Monday. This will allow time for the hearing of an appeal by Mr Julian Byng, a London Life policyholder, over the validity of the vote in October which gave an 85 per cent majority in

favour of the merger plan. Mr Byng alleged the first of two extraordinary meetings to decide the matter should not have been adjourned without a vote. He is appealing against last month's High Court rul-ing by Mr Justice Vinelott that London Life's management acted properly in adjourning the meeting.

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TI offshoots sold for total of £141m

By John Bell, City Editor

companies for £110 million in cash to Arvin Industries, of

The two companies, TI Cheswick and TI Bainbridge, have a strong presence in the European silencer market but little business in North America or other world markets, profit was £11.3 million.

TI is also selling its wbolly-owned subsidiary, Standard Tube Canada, to Ferrum Inc for about £31 million. The Canadian activities did not fit in with TI's strategy.

TI added that substantial investment would be needed to develop TI Cheswick and TI Bainbridge into world leaders. The required level of

TI Group, the specialist engineering concern, is selling two of its motor components

The sales are in line with

TI's current strategy of developing businesses which can command technological or market share leadership. The combined 1987 turn-

over of Cbeswick and Bainbridge totalled £104.6 million. Combined operating Unaudited management ac-counts for the 10 months to

the end of October show sales of £105.6 million and operating profit of £12.2 million. Net assets at the end of last year were £23.4 million.

Effectively TI is selling the subsidiaries for about 13 times expected earnings and will receive a net inflow of about £140 million. This will reduce investment would not repre- gearing to below 15 per cent.

And according to the Mid-

Opec output at record

A record 23 million barrels of production at 18.5 million oil a day was produced by barrels per day from January oil a day was produced by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries last month, even as the 13-nation cartel was holding discussions about ways of

HARMONY LEISURE (Int) Pre-tax: £0.258 (£0.109)m

MORRIS ASHBY (Int) Pre-tax: £0.55 (£0.336)m EPS: 4.33p (3.73p)

STERLING PUBL. (Int) Pre-tax: £0.522 (£0.202)m

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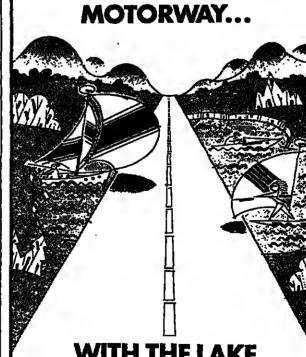
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Board intends to continue acquiring freehold and leasehold opportunities as well as expanding The Kaye (Prestelgne) subsidiary has axtended its foundry which will enable it to take advantage of its strong order book.

Board reports that trading activity remains strong, with an increase in margina. Turnover rosa to 25.98 million (23.44 million).

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Thomson's North Sea

timing goes astray

ith truly appalling timing.
International Thomson has de-

In the days when practically every

independent company in the explora-

tion sector was looking for tax shelter,

any number of them would have given

an arm and a leg to get hold of

Thomson's revenue streams from Piper

and Claymore. Today, the assets look

For a start, neither Piper nor Clay-

more is on stream. Claymore is expected

to recommence production quite soon,

but there is likely to be a delay before

petroleum revenue tax payments are

In the case of Piper, purchasers will be

hard pressed to know quite what they are buying. A new field development plan will need to be submitted to the

Department of Energy for approval, and

Thomson believes that it is only right

and proper that the new owner should

be involved in the development

developing them, all with their own cost

implications. And given the tragic

nature of the Piper disaster, there could

be unforeseen delays to development, or

A purchaser could seek indemnities

against legal action, but if it is tax shelter

he is looking for, Piper is unlikely to

But there is a further question as to

how much demand is left for tax shelter

deals. The last such sale, BP's Magnus, is thought to have been disappointing

both because of the price realized and

the fact that only 15 per cent was sold

the risk of litigation.

oblige until into the 1990s.

rather than 20 per cent.

However, as with all new developments, there are variety of ways of

considerably less attractive.

cided to pull out of the North

Mark BP to expand mineral side Receiver is called in in Aus\$2bn five-year plan

economy predicted for next year has led to the world's leading oil company actively seeking to take over opportunities in the country's mineral

BP, yesterday unveiled spending plans of Aus\$2 billion (£938 million) in the next five years which will strengthen its position in Australia. It is also understood to have made inquiries about taking over an existing mineral op-

BP has had several confident predictions, from within the company, that the the centre of the country. Australian economy is about Although owning 50 per cent,

increase its investments in its ried out by an Australianoil fields, coal mines, mineral mines and network of oil terminals and filling stations.

BP has drawn up detailed plans for substantial investments in Australia and has the backing of the main BP board

However, the company is determined that in future it will be the main partner in any joint venture in Australia. It gold, silver, copper and uranium from the world's biggest deep mine at Olympic Dam in

The opsurge in the Australian to grow and is making plans to the operations are being carduced from British pits. BP owned company.

The first shipment of uranium will leave for Britain in the new year, under a contract BP has with the Central Electricity Generating Board. BP also said yesterday that

it is in informal discussions

with the electricity industry

about supplying coal for the British power stations. Although every ton of BP has just started to produce coal would cost between \$12 and \$15 a ton to be transported to British power stations from Australia its

production price of \$36 a ton

Coal Australia would only be able to provide about ! millioo tons a year for the British power industry.

However, Australia's coal industry is being badly affected by labour disputes.

Mr Alan Oakes, a former NCB miner who now runs BP Coal operations in Australia said yesterday: "1988 has been a bad year for industrial disputes.. We have exactly the same attitude here among our miners when it comes to introducing flexible working ~ Arthur Scargill is a local hero would still undercut coal pro- process of getting changes."

at Sound **Diffusion**

Sound Diffusion, the electrical equipment leasing group, has gone into receivership. The shares were suspended at 21½p. down ½p. yesterday when Mr David Macdonald. the chairman, asked Bank of Scotland, its main lender, to appoint a receiver,

The move comes three weeks after Mr Frank Andrew was appointed managing director. Mr Macdonald, a former director-general of the Takeover Panel, was himself brought in to try to save to the group 12 months ago.

Tunstall, the security group, which has a 4.9 per cent stake. bought at about 65p per share 15 months ago, said it was extremely disappointed to have heard of the group's

collapse second hand.

Mr Macdonald said that although the company's main overdraft was for £12 million, it had used £8 million of the facilty and was faced with large bills soon.

OFT approval The Office of Fair Trading is not referring the Australian National Industries bid for Aurora, nor the offer by Banner Industries for Avdel. to the Monopolies and Mcrger Commission. Seiby Saison' acquisition of Grand Metropolitan's Inter-Continental Hotels has also been cleared.

Brierley stake Sir Ron Brierley's Industrial Equity Pacific has bought 10.3 per cent in Caledonia Invest-ments, which is re-investing the proceeds of redeemable preference shares received in

Site for sale Camford Engineeering plans the sale of its Geo W King factory site in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and relocation

to another in the town

Camford hopes to raise £20

British & Commonwealth.

exchange for its stake in

Reply to bid Armstrong Equipment, the Coventry shock absorber manufacturer, today produces its defence document agains

the £85.4 million hostile bid by Wardle Storeys, the plastic products group. **Emess buys**

and China.

Emess, the lighting group, has completed the purchase of 45 per cent of Transformic Electronics, which manufactures electrical and electronic components in Hong Kong Finally, there remains the execrable state of the oil market itself. After a momentary bout of euphoria when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries appeared to have an agree-ment, reality quickly set in when it was realized that the cartel would be pumping oil for all it was worth until the

agreement came into effect in January. There are still buyers about — mainly foreign oil companies, many state owned, such as Repsol and Petrobras. Monument Oil, the British independent, is also in the market for assets, but will not overpay. This could be just the sort of knockdown sale it is looking for.

Jaguar in the frame

he Government's golden share in Jaguar, the luxury car maker, stands sentinel until the end of 1990 against any predator wherever based. Yet a wave of buying pushed Jaguar shares up 5p to 263p on Friday and to a peak of 280p yesterday, dropping back at the close to 2751/2p,

after 4.1 million shares changed hands. It might just be dawn raid talk which is lifting Jaguar despite its problems in the crucial US market where profits shrink as the dollar weakens against sterling. But it could be a good time for stake-building in Jaguar for car makers with an eye not only to the single European market but the need for a more credible presence worldwide.

In any prospective predator-parade West Germany's Volkswagen, which includes Audi, must stand out. It could be argued that Fiat, possibly Volvo and perhaps even France's stateowned Renault might be putative predators. But Ford and General Mo-

Strong medicine to stay

from the Department of Trade and Industry showed, not the downward revision that the City had been expecting, but a small increase in the provisional estimate. Thus retail sales volume is now thought to have jumped by 2 per cent during the month, and by more than 6 per cent on a year earlier, providing the Chancellor with ample justification for his most recent tightening of monetary policy.

In the boardrooms of some of our leading retailers, however, a very different assessment is emerging of the strength of demand in the high street. Big items of household expenditure have been suffering for some time and the downturn in demand is now hitting clothing and footwear. Christmas spending clearly distorts the picture, but retailers have little doubt that underlying demand is weaker.

The fear, therefore, is of interest rate overkill, and a hard landing for the

economy rather than a gentle deceleration ioto sustainable growth. This, however, is a fear that the Chancellor is almost duty bound to ignore.

Having, on his own admission, relaxed monetary policy too much after the October 1987 market crash, he cannot afford to repeat the mistake. Policy has to be kept tight, and perhaps even pulled tighter, until there is much clearer evidence both of a sharp slowdown in demand and of falling inflation.

This may mean ignoring favourable evidence. The consumer credit figures for October, also published yesterday, showed an increase in the amount outstanding on consumer credit agreements of just £81 million, the smallest since November 1986. If not for the disastrous trade figures, this information would doubtless have been interpreted by Whitehall as firm evidence that the Chancellor's high interest rate medicine was working.

Profit warning by Reject Shop By Rosemary Unsworth Retail Affairs

The Reject Shop, which was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market last June, has joined other high street retailers in giving a warning that second-half profits will be hit

Announcing that pre-tax profits were £227,000 compared with £49,000 for the 28 weeks to October 2 1988, the company, which has 14 shops in its chain, said that Christ-mas trading would be affected by restrictions on spending.

"However, with trading at current levels, I remain confident of a satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole," said Mr Jack Aaronson, the

Turnover rose by almost 40 per cent from £5.4 million to £7.5 million in the first half and the interim dividend is



Joint managing directors Anthony Hawser and Anna Vinton at Kings Road, Chelsea, store

3i rises by 56% to Alexon advances half-time £119m

By Our City Staff

3i Group, the venture capital the strength of corporate profand investment company, re- its, said the company. Afterported a 56 per cent rise io income and capital profits to £119.1 millioo in the half year to September 30.

Shareholders are to receive a 50 per cent boost in interim cial year. New investment was dividend to 3p per share, compared with 2p as adjusted for the recent one-for-ooe of last year.

After falling in the last three man, said the interim results mooths of 1987, the value of reflected cootioning growth in 3i's investments has been the small and medium busirestored to growth, thanks to ness sector.

30% in first half

By Our Retail Affairs Correspondent

Alexon, the women's fashion group and a supplier to Marks and Spencer, reports a 30 per cent rise in interim profits and added that current trading is "encouraging".

Pre-tax profits rose from £4.2 million to £5.5 million in the 26 weeks to September 9 while turnover jumped from £28.8 million to £46.8 million.

Alexon took over Ellis & Goldstein, another women's importer from the Far East, this year.Mr Peter Wiegand,

the chairman, said that the recent rise in interest rates was unlikely to affect Alexon's orders as its customers either benefited from higher rates or were in parts of the market which are relatively immune.

He said that the enlarged group would increase turnover and profit in the short and long-term. The interim dividend has been increased from 2.5p to 4p to provide a wear group and Richarvey, an more even balance in the payments. Last year, the final

Friendly to open floating hotels

up then sold two national Cheshire. It will be permahotel chains and is now developing another, has bought into

a new hotel concept - the Mr Edwards's Friendly Hotcls is buying the floatel company and the idea which has been developed by Mr Gerald Braban, an entrepreneur. The

Friendly Floatels will be the first British floating hotels. The first floatel is due to open next autumn on a river-

P&D tops

While morale within the

Square Mile is still depressed

week announce that it has

cals desk next month; Stephen

Milne, aged 33, from War-

bures, who will be working

from December 28; Nizam

Hamid, aged 23, who was with

Stock Beach and started work

at P&D yesterday on the electricals desk, alongside

Nick Measham and Stephen

Parker, and Mark Dixson.

aged 28, from National Invest-

ment Group, who will, with

Jeremy Eklen, be specializing

in North Sea and domestic oil

stocks. "They are all young-

sters coming in to stengthen

our teams and give them

depth," says Alan Jones,

director of United Kingdom

company research. "In fact the

recruits to the oil, drink and electricals desks are all net

additions." But Phillips &

Drew has not had it all its own

way. Two members of its

corporate linance department. Andrew Best and Richard

Birch, have, I hear, just left the

firm to join its rival County

NatWest WoodMac.

up its

teams

nently anchored oo the river with car parking on the bank. There will be all the com-

£277.6 millioo against £285.6

million in the first six months

Sir John Cuckney, the chair-

including public areas, but with a marine flavour as bedrooms become "cabins" and suites "state rooms." The plan is to attract busi-

but to capitalize on the marine environment to bring in more tourists at the weekend. At least six sites for floatels side site, leased from British

Mr Henry Edwards, who built Waterways, in Northwich, are being investigated, includ- active association with the ing lakesides. Some locations venture and is taking a may lend themselves to mainly tourist development.

The floatel is built up out of forts of a three-star hotel, module of about 20 bedrooms or public spaces, including lobbies, bars and meeting rooms. Mr Edwards said: "All are completely interconnected ness traffic during the week so there is no venturing out into the weather. The bonus are the views and the general

atmosphere. Mr Braban will continue an shareholding.

Friendly, as well as running its expanding hotels chain, a series of "rafts" each taking a also operates in fast-food outlets, elderly care homes and fully-serviced business cen-

> Two three-star hotels are being built at Norwich, Norfolk, and Caen, in Normandy. Mr Edwards built up the Centre Hotels chain, which he sold to Bass, and Comfort Hotels acquired by Ladbroke.

Speaking

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has less respect for Cazenove,

by rumours of imminent and massive redundancies in the hard-pressed securities industry, some firms are still, it that most blue-blooded of broseems, actively recruiting more staff. One such is Philkers, than most in the Square being committed last week on n closed circuit television netblue, stretched, Ford car, bear-ing the personalised number lips & Drew which will this boosted its research teams plate MUD 27, bas, I hear been stolen in broad dnylight with the appointment of four newcomers. The quarter, all from outside its prestigious aged under 35. comprises Tokenhouse Yard offices. To Alasdair Nisbet, aged 26, who is knaving James Capel to join Chris Burbridge on the ehemi-

- known as footmen at Caz actually watched the crime work. And to compound the issue I'm told that the firm may now find its insurance policy invalidated since the keys had been left in the

Hugh Wooleridge, this time,"

for the Disabled, and BACUP.

which rehabilitates cancer pa-

Hugh makes their night with Eric Frankis on breweries

More than 900 City slickers turned out at the Savoy Theaire on Sunday evening to have condoms thrown at them by a singing Richard Braoson

— wearing, for a few moments



"Apparently they're thinking

out at last Overshadowed somewhat by

the reputations of his father, Gwilym Lloyd George, Home Secretary at the time of Suez. and grandfather David Lloyd George, the legendary Prime Minister, the family's third Viscount. Bill Tenby, had been understandably appre-hensive about making his maiden speech in the House of Lords. But last week, amid a debate about the state of Britain's prisons, and five years after he had succeeded to the title, he finally made his debut. Speaking from personal experience as a magistrate the former public relations at least, a bowler hat and suit director at Kleinwort Benson. - watch an invigorating imnow a non-executive director personation of Elvis Presley of the City security printer by Hill Samuel manager John Williams Lea, he is also Hyatt, hear Adam Faith sing a deputy chairman of the third couple of numbers from his largest Bench in Hampshire musical Budgie, and be enter-Tenby, aged 61, spoke pastained by Sunday Telegraph sionately about the need for City Editor Alex Murray, singpunishment to fit the crime. ing his own rythm and blues Claiming that "there are many songs as part of a band called in prison who ought not to be Alex Murray and The Mints. there," he said he suspected in all, some 17 acts were that this was, in many cases, erammed into two hours of because magistrates had simthigh-slapping entertainment, ply "run out of any other for the fourth annual show options." A cross-bencher, he staged by the Square Mile advocated increased use of Charitable Trust. "It was the community service orders. best one ever, largely because he had a professional director. bail hostels, attendance at day centres and realistic compensation. And his words were, of says Trust secretary Amelia course, warmly received. Con-Baring, wife of Francis Baring, an employee of the family bank and cousin of its present chairman. The £50,000 or so gratulating him. Lord Soper replied. The debate has been enriched by his comments. . . We hope he will enrich debraised will benefit three charates to the future as he has ities – Help the Hospices. The Queen Elizabeth Foundation ember him from his City days

will be in no doubt . . . Carol Leonard

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Conflict of loyalty during bids The image of

Using interest rates to curb inflation

From Mr J.V.C. Butcher Sir, Your report (November often happens. 29) about the request from United Biscuits (UB) to its main banker, the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), for an assurance that RBS will not support a hostile bid for UB. raises a major ethical issue facing banks and others who provide services of a professional type.

Where a conflict of loyalties between clients arises, it an unreasonable request that should surely be the duty of is tantamount to interference the "professional" to withdraw support from the client that has caused the conflict, rather than ditch the other client at the very time it needs the "professional" most, and 18 Bramble Rise. rather than taking action on Cobham, Surrey. the basis of the professional's November 29.

Sir, Raising interest rates is

supposed to bring the rate of

inflation down. Yet according to Messrs Thomas and

Saunders in their Gilt-Edged

article (November 28), over

three quarters of personal

borrowing is in housing. For

many such people interest

charges are now adjusted an-

nually. Next year the debt

service ratio will climb to over

10 per cent. However, for the

one and a half million new

home buyers larger than av-

erage debts could become an

onerous burden.

From Mr J. Hutton

UB's request is a reasonable one and RBS should agree to it, but with the proviso that, if UB makes a bostile bid for another RBS customer, UB will then have to find another

Your report says that UB's chairman, Sir Hector Laing, wants RBS to support neither side in that case - but that is in RBS's relationship with its other customers. Yours truly, JOHN V.C. BUTCHER,

importing into this country. eties and banks. Many of these being eroded by the lack of creditors are of the older generation, have paid off their

house debts and have a taste for imported goods and winter breaks abroad. Many are also receiving or are looking forward to receiving indexed pensions and payouts from insurance pol-In these circumstances is it surprising that the use of interest rates, on their own,

against inflation is proving to be such a blunt instrument. Yours faithfully, JOHN HUTTON, Aberions 25 Lambridge Wood Road,

On the other hand, higher interest payments immediately benefit the many millions Henley-on-Thames, more who have money on OXOL deposit with the building soci- November 28.

Lloyd's policy

From Mr Robert Banks MP Sir. I have been a member of Lloyd's for some years now, insuring myself with a "stop

My managing agent has recently written to me to say that he cannot guarantee that a policy will be available next

It should be a matter of great concern to "names" that Lloyd's have breached their age-old reputation for placing insurance for anything asked for, and more especially for exposure to unlimited liability. Where else can we insure against losses if Lloyd's won't? Yours faithfully. ROBERT BANKS. House of Commons. November 27.

Ethics in question

From J. D. G. Berry Sir, Following the acquisition nf estate agencies by a number of financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, I would respectfully ask the use of your columns to inquire whether banking and insurance ethics else . . . a total impossibility.

will be applied by such estate 1 am basically proud to be will be applied by such estate agencies to their business or estate agency ethics to be applied by banks and inbusiness. Yours faithfully.

1.D.G BERRY. *Beechville",
7 South Road, Grassendale Park Liverpool November 30.

own self-interest, which so Britain abroad

From Miss Angela Simpson Sir, Could 1 make a plea through your pages for greater courtesy and consideration from British firms who export their products.

I help out in a small company here in Greece, which imports a very wide range of products from many countries, notably the UK. I am appalled by the frequency with which I am asked to explain the behaviour of UK companies both large and small. This behaviour ranges from simply not answering telexes, through letters which are terse to the point of rudeness, to deliberate disregard of instructions on procedures for

There still exists among the older companies here a feeling that an Englishman's word is his bond but this belief is fast understanding shown by so many people. The regulations governing

imports here are very different from those in many EEC countries with a result that explicit instructions on procedure are always sent to new suppliers. These are rarely followed and often misinterpreted. Is it too much to ask that export managers should query instructions that they do not understand bearing in mind that the company involved is dealing in a foreign language?

Similarly time and again companies demand payment or implement surcharges for late payment long before the goods have even arrived and there is a chance to pay at all. The only legal commitment to payment in advance that can be made is by letter of credit. All other forms of overseas payment require documentary evidence that goods have been ordered and dispatched and sometimes received before payment can be made. Bro-

chures and catalogues arrive

demanding payment within 14 days of shipment or British but all too frequently I whether we should expect am made very ashamed by estate agency ethics to be people far removed from the football hooligans, who create surance companies to their bavoc everywhere, who are the only ones apparently to hit the headlines for the damage done to "Our Image Abroad." Yours faithfully, ANGELA SIMPSON. Mimozas 32A, Ekali 14565.

No room at the top of Rover for both Day and Simpson

"an extremely energetic man" with "a taste for running his own show," is to become managing director of Rover

Group on January 1. When the old BL became part of British Aerospace, only this autumn, Graham Day undertook to remain as chairman, and Professor Smith included this in the proposals

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It seems implicit that this office should remain as heretofore, that is, executive and highly active; further, with the BAe board exercising the overseeing role, there is no place for any other type of chairman - there is, in fact, no room at the top of Rover for both Mr Day and Mr Simpson.

Mr Day cannot in honour

From Mr Noel Falconer put to both sets of sharehold-dilute his commitment, and Sir, George Simpson, whom ers and to the High Court, for Professor Smith might well be

Athens, Greece.

November 16.

The very attempt indicates the regard in which both hold their gentlemen shareholders Yours faithfully. NOEL FALCONER

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Wall Street surge lifts shares

A strong, mid-day perfor-mance by Wall Street restored some equilibrium to weak share prices in London

yesterday. Depresssed dealers marked prices lower on the news of the 2 per cent month-on-month rise in retail sales, fearing that inflationary pressures within the economy had not diminished.

Thereafter, prices continued to drift lower on modest selling and on an almost total lack of investment support as dealers sat on their hands awaiting the 2.30 pm market debut of British Steel At one stage, the FT-SE 100-

share index stood nearly 18 points lower - and below the psychologically-important 1.750 level - with sentiment additionally depressed by revived reports of further cutbacks within the financial community. Confirmation from Mr Randall Goldsmith, an equity strategist at James Capel, the broker, that Capel's analysts had downgraded their carnings estimates for several British dollar-carners also

added to the gloom.

However, just when dealers were beginning to bemoan the disappointing start to dealings in British Steel - the shares opened at a 3p premium egainst forecasts of 6p or 7p their attention turned towards Wall Street as the Dow Jones industrial average reflected relief that the key US Federal Discount rate had not been increased by showing a gain at mid-day of more than 30 POIDTS.

Quick to seize on any sort of Placed at 70p by bullish news, relieved market- McCanghan Dyson Capelmakers immediately marked prices higher and the FT-SE 100-share index closed only 3.4 points down at 1,761.6. The number of shares

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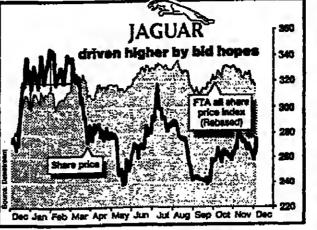
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traded on Seag reached 645.4 million with the British Steel partly-paid shares - which closed with a 21/2p premium at 621/p accounting for 261 million. The narrower FT 30-share index finished 0.7 of a point lower at 1,439.0. Gilts reflected favourable

currency influences and closed with gains of £4.
The shares of Channel Express, a flower distribution and parcels delivery group,

The market should hear soon that Mr Allen Shepperd chairman of Grand Metropolitan, has shrugged off the disappointment of los-ing Irish Distillers by taking a significant stake in Wienerwald, a West German restaurant chain. Grand Met shares closed Ip lower at 445p.

staged an impressive début on the Unlisted Securities

Cure, the broker, they opened at 72p and improved steadily to touch 78p before closing at 77p, a premium of 7p.
But all eyes were on Jaguar,

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the luxury car manufacturer. as the shares swiftly accel-erated to 280p in early dealings on speculation that a European group will soon take a significant stake in the beleaguered company before restrictions on a takeover are removed when the Government's golden share goes at the end of 1990.

Sporadic profit-taking prompted a fall from the day's peak, but the shares still closed 13p higher at 275p following a turnover of more than 4

Whispers in the market went as far as suggesting that Volkswagen Audi, the West German car manufacturer will attempt to acquire a 14.9 per cent holding in Jaguar today via a dawn raid. The West Germans are said to be particularly keen to get into the driving seat at Jaguar before the European trade barriers disappear in 1992.

There was also talk that Vickers, which owns Rolls-Royce motors, is keen on joining forces with Daimler Benz, the owner of Mercedes, to launch a joint raid on Jaguar, while the names of were again being mentioned. Both classes of Hammerson Property Investment made progress, the ordinary rising

9p to 936p, after 938p, while the "A" gained 12p to 899p, on talk that a counter-bid to the £1.3 billion hostile bid from Rodamco, the Dutchproperty group, is close. Dealers were claiming that

Hong Kong Land is about to enter the fray, while the names of MEPC and Standard Life Assurance (Hammerson's largest shareholder with 21 per cent of the "A" shares) were also bring touted as possible Rodamco posted its formal

document to offer Hammerson shareholders yes-

Property analysts still think that it will take an offer well above £10 a share to win control of Hammerson. Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, has said that the group's assets are worth at least £11 a

The ordinary and "A" or-

Enterprise moved up 3p to 481p and Lasmo cheape 3p to 451p as word went round that news regarding the sale of Lasmo's 25 per cent stake in Enterprise is imminent. Dealers still believe that Elf Aquitaine is. the buyer at about £5 a share and expect details before the end of the week.

dinary shares of Paterson, Zochonis, the toiletry and detergent group which makes Imperial Leather soap, dropped 5p apiece to 310p on news of the profits warning.
The company said that

because of a 14 per cent depreciation in the Nigerian naira, its pre-tax profits for the

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half-year to November 30 will be lower than last time. Storehouse, Sir Terence

Conran's BHS, Habitat-Mothercare, Heal's and Richards retailing empire, leapt to 210p initially following reports that Mr Asher Edelman. the Wall Street corporate raider, had built up a near 5 per cent stake during the past couple of weeks.

The shares later retreated on profit-taking to close 5p down at 197p as a spokesman for use informed the market that it is investigating the identity of shareholders who had recently bought shares, but he could not confirm whether Mr Edelman was among them. By the close, about 6 million had changed

Lourho, Mr Tiny Rowland's international trading group — which was effectively put "into play" by Mr Edelman's exploits this year when he bought a 4.7 per cent holding and then sold it to Mr Alan Bond, the Australian business man - dropped 9p to 371p, after 367p.

Speculators have tired of waiting for the talked-of bid from Mr Bond to materialize and they decided to liquidate their positions, taking into consideration the. current depressed market conditions.

Geever, the operator of the Cornish tin mine which resumed operations in February, touched 75p before closing unaltered at 73p following the dual announcement that St James House Nominees had acquired a 15 per cent stake in the company at 70p a share and that Langtry International had bought a 6.6 per cent holding at the same price.

Geoffrey Foster

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CANADIAN PRICES

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WALL STREET Dow edges

ahead in early deals

New York (Reuter) - Prices were steady on higher ground Americanily
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Borden in early trading yesterday as the market recovered from Friday's 10-point decline after a surprisingly strong employment report. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7 points to 2,099.28. Traders said that investors were encouraged by the market's resilience despite the bearish news. Rising shares outnumbered falls by about five to four. Mr Victor Pugliese, the head trader at Nomura Securities, offered by Sara Lee, Pfizer and American Express were "a little bullish" for the market and could have contributed to

Takye -- Prices closed casier yesterday but well above their lows in thin trading after concern about a sudden worsening in Emperor Hiro-hito's health yesterdsy morn-ing abated slightly, brokers said.

Mr Shiseru Akiba, the head trader at UBS Phillips and Drew International, said: "It is a slow and quiet market. Investors were shocked by the dition. The market has been rising and it is a good time to see some correction." The Nikkei index shed 50.82 points, or 0.17 per cent, to 29,614.68. It rose 133.25 to a record close on Saturday. Falls outnumbered rises by 541 to 291. Turnover was a scant 650 million shares against 600 million in Saturday's half-day trading marking the lowest level in

about three weeks. • Sydney - At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries index was down 4.8 at 1,446.1. The All-Industrials index fell 9.7 to 2,415.2, the All-Resources 1.3 to 721.7.

• Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index gained 7.66 points to 2,674.92. The broaderbased Hong Kong index rose 5.14 to 1,763.72.

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Further substantial growth in the half year to 2nd October 1988

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OPERATING PROFITS	15.4	10.2	51%
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Compact disc makes a new noise in Europe

Matthew May looks at a new Japanese development in the battle for CD sales and the fight

against home recording

troduced, they seemed a heaven-sent opportunity for the music industry to increase sales - the improved quality of CDs could not be easily reproduced by home taping, which the music

However, the development of digital audio tape and the promise of erasable compact discs started to threaten that dream. These products will allow customers to make high-quality, digital copies of compact discs in the same way that already available for computer audio cassette tape has been used to copy vinyl albums or prerecorded cassettes.

Use of digital audio tape is hindered by high prices and disagreement in the industry about bow to stop pirating, while the quest for cheap and erasable compact discs, which would allow consumers to record high-quality music as well as play them back, still looks at least a couple of years

beo compact will be muddied further in Europe when the Japanese company, Tiayo Yuden, will give details of its "recordcapable" compact discs which will play back on cooventional CD players.

The words have been carefully chosen — its product is not an erasable CD but, in the jargon of the computer inindustry claimed was eroding dustry, a WORM (write once, read many). It means customers will be able to record music or computer informa-tion nn to a compact disc once but, having done so, will be

Such products, along with reusable optical discs, are applications but are seen as too expensive for domestic

However, at a low enough price, the idea should prove popular with music lovers. The ability to reuse tapes or discs is not considered so important because audio cassettes in the home are primarily used for taping music and, once recorded, are rarely wiped and used again.



Compact discs that can record as well as play back may be a boon for customers, but the music industry is unlikely to welcome them

ing units are promised to be on sale by next summer.

Taiyo Yuden is well aware that it is presenting yet another technology for the music industry to worry about especially if, as has been The discs - expected to cost suggested in Japan, manufacaway. On Thursday the issue about £5 - are covered with a turers produce twin-deck play-

special coating to guide the ers with both a recording unit of price with players initially laser as it records. The record- and a separate player, allowing expected to cost anything copies to be made nf prerecorded compact discs.

> It says the products are intended for the professinnal market and will not be available to home users until the question of copyright protec-

between £500 and £1,000.

Earlier this year, the American electronics company. Tandy, announced a cheap method of producing erasable compact discs which could be available within two years, tion is resolved. The distinc-tion is likely to be one largely tical.

Fujitsu pays more | A European ride on millions to IBM

Fujitsa of Japan must pay at least \$237 million (£128 million) more to IBM to settle a six-year-old dispute over its copying of software necess to build computers compatible with IBM's most powerful machines, two independent arbitrators ruled last

Fujitso has been making payments for some time and the sum represents the amount still to be paid on a total settlement that arbitrators valued at \$833 million (about £450 million).

The settlement broke no new ground, but legal experts said its size would influence the outcome of similar conflicts over "intellectual property" such as software.

The two companies had agreed in 1983 that Fnjitsu would pay IBM for a licence to produce the software. But the agreement collapsed when the companies could not agree on specific terms. IBM called for arbitration under a clause in the original accord. A year ago, the arbitrators disclosed the broad shape of a settlement without specifying dollar amounts, which were announced for the first time last Tuesday.

In return for the payments, IBM must give Fujitsu 2 "reasonable opportunity" to develop IBM-compatible computers and permit it to com-pete in the £10 billion mainframe

computer market. Both companies issued statements saying they were pleased with the ruling, and financial analysts were divided on whether the outcome was a victory for either side.

The resolution determines the extent to which Fajitsu can use IBM programming material and sets guidelines on how the data can be used. It also establishes a mechanism for resolving future conflicts. Under the agreement, Fujitsu will receive "interface information" that will be an aid to its programmers.

John Jones, one of the two ar-bitrators, said:"It is rather like giving the specification: for all the holes and place on the back of a stereo amplifier so that you can put compatible stereo components together." The programs covered by the agre to the operation of Fujitsu's IBM compatible mainframe computers and thus to the Japanese company's ability to remain a leading presence in the computer industry.

The dispute began in October 1982, when IBM confronted Fujitsn with allegations that Fujitsu operating system programs and manuals violated IBM's intellectual property rights. The dispute was clouded by the fact that IBM did not copyright its operating system programs before 1978 and later copyright law left many of the issues covered by the dispute

Nasa's Titan trip

for exploring the planets is to be undertaken by the European Space Ageocy under the title of the Cassini Titan mission. From an investigation of the distant planets, the scientists hope to discover the secrets of earth's primitive atmosphere of acons ago.

Proposals were adopted last week at special planning meeting, at which the venture was chosen to fill the final slot in the agency's Horizon 2000

The programme covers all the oew scientific spacecraft and orbiting telescopes to be built and launched over the next 20 years for the agency's 13 member countries. The mission will be in collaboration with the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

First goal is to explore the at-mosphere of Saturn's moon, Titan, which is the largest mooo in the solar system and to land a scientific package oo the moon. Its nitrogenrich atmosphere could contain a variety of pre-biotic molecules, providing a possible model for the origins of life oo earth. In additioo to its rings, Saturn has a family of satellites.

Christian Huygens, a Dutch

The most ambitious scientific project he discovered the rings in 1656. Two centuries later, the satellite was named Titan.

> Titan, being farthest from the sun and therefore colder than Jupiter's satellites, is better able to hold the molecules of gas rendered sluggish by cold, which is why the atmosphere of Titan is the key to the excitement that surrounds the new mission: it is composed primarily of nitrogen and

These bizarre characteristics are not the main reason to study Titan with an atmospheric probe: it is the prospect of being able to investigate the complexities of the processes occurring in this natural laboratory, processes that may well throw new light on the early history of our planet's early atmosphere.

Nasa has scheduled Cassini for launch in April 1996. It will arrive in the Saturn system in October 2002. En route to Saturn, it will fly by the Asteroid 66 Maja in 1997 and Jupiter in late 1999. The most important event will take place upoo arrival of the Cassini missioo to Saturn. It will be the targeting and release of the Huygens probe into Titan's atmosphere. A large conical decelerator astrooomer, discovered the first will slow the probe down to reach sub-Saturnian satellite at the same time as sonic speed at an altitude of 180 kms.

PERSPECTIVE

Remember to call in your legal experts

those dealing in financial services, have iovested six-figure sums in the development of tailor-made software programs designed to give them a competitive edge, only to discover that their "secret weapoo" can be openly purchased by arch-rivals, simply because they have oot made legal provisions to protect what they believe they own.

Last month, Royal assent was given to the new Copy-right Designs and Patents Act 1988, replacing the Copyright Act of 1956 and the Copyright (Computer Software) Amend-ment Act 1985. However, it will do little or nothing to save the company which fails to protect its ownership of the valuable software developed vithin its own organization.

Work carried out by an employee, unless the em-ployer provides otherwise, is the property of the employer. The problem for most companies arises when they engage consultants who may then, in turn, sub-contract nr assign software development work to yet another party. Control and confidentiality then become diluted if legal measures have not been taken to protect the

company's ownership rights. One company, for example, recently embarked on a path of systems development and called in outside consultants who, in turn, recruited additional freelance expertise and a series of exciting software programs was created.

Who owns the programs?" I asked the first meeting of company executives and consultants called to address the knotty problem of ownership. Every hand in the room went

The financial director who had originally conceived the software ideas - began work with fellow employees to create the software programs. Although they were not aware of how and why, the old, and now the new, Acts gave the company the rightsto the program. Common law required them to keep their innovative efforts secret.

When the workload grew, the company booked the services of two independent selfemployed consultants. Both were experts in their field. One had a letter of appoint- much with it because of his firm.



6By taking simple legal steps your company will avoid expensive mistakes 9

Partner, Berwin Leighton

ment which asked him to render freelance services, but did not mention copyright or software source code; the other sent in his own contract claiming copyright, but shut himself in the font with a mutual confidentiality under-

Both consultants sooo realized that their efforts would lead to the creation of a valuable software program, capable of being sold io its own right. One of the consultants then fell ill and, unknown to the company, sought the belp of another coosultant, Dr B, to support him in the critical software

"breakthrough" period. Dr B lived up to his reputation by developing the software into a powerful finished product. The consultant paid Dr B off and claimed all the credit, but this cash could not buy him the copyright -Dr B bad that. The company owned the copyright to those elements of the program created by its employees. One consultant owned an element. Dr B another, while the third consultant owned the final element, but could not do

While the company would have a nnn-exclusive licence to use the contributions of the outside consultants, it soon became apparent that not one party could alone license - or even use - the program without the permission of the

The situation was exacerbated by the fact that the company had received two lucrative affers from noncompetitors wanting to license the basic system.

A " happy" solutioo - they all thankfully agreed - would be for each of the copyright owners to assign his or ber legal and beneficial interests in the programme to the other parties and 10 themselves to hold io common. The company would act as licensing agent for all nwners of the entire legal interest io the copyright, thus satisfying the third party licensecs. Each owner agreed to give consent to the licences. The reveoues would be divided in agreed

shares. The company had retrieved the situation in part, but still ended up having to share the spoils of its software victory with at least three other parties - hardly an equitable arrange-ment when you bear in mind that it had funded the entire

The new Act will not protect a company from its mistakes to avoid falling into the trap of having to share software spoils, ensure that consultants assign copyright to the company in writing and are covered by confidentiality provisions, and that any other parties engaged by consultants have the same agreement as the consultants.

Where the consultants or others will not agree to do this, you should use the solution of common copyright ownership - but at the outset. Remember also to ensure that company employees have confidentiality restrictions written into their cootracts.

By taking these simple legal steps your company will en-sure that it avoids a very expensive mistake - and retains the competitive edge that it sought in the first place. The author is a partner in Berwin Leighton, a City law

Learn to love your EEC

The EEC last week isssued new rules, to take effect from April 1,to give companies legal protection in licensing agreements. They will let companies conclude possibly restrictive socalled "know-how" agreeements and exempt these from EEC anti-trust rules under certain

The aim is to help companies develop ocw products rapidly in conditions without the

threat of legal action. The commission said know-how agreements account for about two-thirds of

technology-transfer agreements in the 12natioo trade block and cover products and manufacturing processes not protected by patents or trademarks.

Under the rules, technical knowledge contained in a know-bow accord must be confidential and the accord must have substantial technological value. Once these criteria are met, the oew rules will permit a long list of otherwise anti-competitive practices such as territorial protectioo and exclusive use of the licensor's trade mark.

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The Business Systems Department supports Company operations around the world. Hardware installed at Leighton Buzzard comprises 2 Hewlett-Packard mini-computers and 25 IBM personal computers. There are approximately 60 on-line users.

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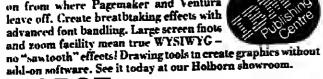
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Professor Wilson also regrets that, in big companies, keyboard-shy managers do oot interrogate the screens themselves, but rely on trained librarians and researchers to navigate their way through the databases.

One new kind of database is

He blames today's crude menu systems, which are still not friendly enough for them. His own university is trying to devise more effective interactive learning styles, which are geared to the different ways in which people learn these new skills.

Wilson: under-used services searches is, according to Professor Wilson, more intuitively

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cooveotional systems, standard PC, puts a vast Hypermedia systems are, however, heavy on machine resources, and are still not quite as easy as they are said to Professor Wilson thinks

that the older techniques are more suitable for large and complex databases. Before online searching be-

comes general, it must become cheaper as well as easier. Professor Wilson sees the upfront subscriptions charged by most database service companies as being a major barrier to write as well as read, as the machine's basic storage me-

Only the rich can afford it. He looks with envy at France, Online Information Meeting, where the Teletel services organized by Learned

given away by Telecom France. The European Space Agencv's Information Retrieval

Service has thrown down the gauntlet by announcing that next year, they will stop charging for the time spent searching for the information, but instead charge for the information extracted. This is a revolutionary suggestion. It will particularly help the casual inquirer who

has not mastered the slick ways of reaching the information, and fumbles expensively - when there is a time-based charge - around the menus. Professor Wilson finds that in the USA, ordinary citizens, as well as companies and academia, can use services

working hours. Other technical developments will hopefully make online searching both cheaper and more convenient.

CD-ROM, the data versioo graphics as well as text, unlike of the conpact disc, linked to a amount of storage - all 12 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary on two CDs - on a searcher's desk-top, so that he does not have to dial up an information provider to get informatioo. The snag with CD-ROM at

the moment is that information cannot be updated. This will change, and Professor Wilson is encouraged that Steve Jobs' Next computer is to use a new kind of optical disc, to which one will be able

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TECHNOLOGY

Women have the answer

Few women work in computing. Leslie Tilley writes, yet the industry is going

through a 'skills crisis' and needs 30,000 more skilled people

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Pamela Morton, second right, with computing science undergraduates at Thames Polytechnic

f the 300,000 working on. computing, only 20 per cent or 60,000 are estimated to be women, although they represent about half the UK's working population. "The thing that is holding women back is their unwillingness to epply for jobs in computing. For example, if we advertise for sales positions, most of the internal applicants are women but hardly any external candidates are women," said Barry Seward-Thompson, of Digital Equipment, which has a staff of 8,000.

Carol Beech, of the British Computer Society, agreed. "A lot of companies say women don't apply for jobs in information technology and this is absolutely true."

They both say this is reflected in the number of women entering computing courses in higher education; currently 10 per cent of computing undergraduates are women, according to Women Into Computing (WIC), an organization of higher education in-stitutions which aims to remedy the situation. This compares poorly with other professional organizations. For example, about 50 per cent of lawyers and doctors are women.

WIC held its first national conference et the University of Lancaster in July. In the introduction to the conference it pointed out that "by involved with the Women into

failing to attract women, the computer industry is losing out on valuable talent and by failing to enter computing courses, women are losing out on interesting, well-paid jobs which remain unfilled".

Pamela Morton, computing lec-turer at Thames Polytechnic, said she had been able to reverse the trend. Twenty-five per cent of students on her courses are women. She said she had tailored the courses to attract women. She thinks, though, that companies can do a lot more, because

Information Technology scheme, launched by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) to test whether a campaign to address the low number of women in computing "is likely to interest a substantial number of major users and suppliers of IT goods and services". The answer is "Yes", but the next step is still being debated.

However, the future of the project is in doubt. The CBI's Information Technology Skills Agency, which has been co-ordinating the scheme, is due to be disbanded at the end of this year.

The plan now is to target schools,

industry and higher education with an

puting believe they are discriminated against. A woman who has been e

programmer/analyst for eight years

said: "I have a strong feeling that

employers look more kindly on a male

applicant. They seem to look for excuses to say 'no' to women in

Gordon Ewan of the Computing

Services Association agrees: "I think any woman holding a job has to be

better qualified than her male

Women already working in com-

awareness campaign.

interviews.

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many women cannot afford to study, or are not encouraged financially by their family to do so. "If only companies would start awarding bursaries to women, specifically to get girls more motivated. There are no bursaries that are specific to girls."

Ms Morton said advertising bursaries for women at schools would also give computing a higher profile, They were not "pushing the fact to girls that computing is an attractive industry". Her advice is: "Send out your most successful and attractive women to talk to schoolgirls. It isn't what you're doing, but how you present what you're doing."

Both Ms Beech and Ms Morton are

more enlightened now". According to Dr Seward-Thomp-

son:"Managers are often more than a little conservative in their approach to recruitment. I believe that this is only the tip of the iceberg and that a significant dent could be made in the problem if managers were prepared to use some imagination and take a few

don't want to see the figure go beyond

Mary Jennings, computer consul-tant at London-based Microsyster, e computing collective which produces a quarterly newsletter for women in computing, thinks the number of women in management is probably no more than 2 per cent. Computing had been around for 30 years and there should be more women in senior positions by now. The computer industry is not the non-sexist industry one is led to believe." Computing was a very attractive industry because of the high salary and job mobility, she said, and offered a suggestion for industry if it was serious about

"Just look at the job advertisements 'Come and join the team' - it's like a football game; they're not likely to attract women. They've got to think again. I bet in 10 years' time the adverts will be completely changed counterpart. There is still residual sexual stereotyping. Managers who are mainly men, and do the recruiting, because they will want women."

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Lotus officials demonstrated a working copy of the 3.0 at last months Comdex, a large computer trade show in Las Vegas, mainly to reassure customers that the often-delayed project was still on track and, moreover, that the new version would be worth the

The goal, a Lotus official said, was not simply faster that mark as they feel vulnerable," he added. But management was "slightly performance and new features,

but better productivity and improved efficiency in finan-

Judging hy the demonstrations, the new version will be attractive to people already using Lotus. Checks with somelarge corporate customers at Comdex suggested that most companies were willing to wait to see what Lotus has to offer, despite aggressive attempts hy rival spreadsheet makers to seduce the companies intn switching

Some of those rivals make unquestionably superior products, including Microsoft's Excel and Borland's Quattro. However, Lotus seems unruffled and boasts that its new version will match - and exceed - the features of these upstarts, including the ability to link several worksheets

within a single file, and provide an easier-to-use command But it will require a significant development in computer hardware. One can expect it to demand at least a 286 processor, a hard disc and at least

one, or even two, megabytes of It also means the new version will probably cost more than the current one. Version 3.0 is so late

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Advice and consent in a top posting

sador in Washington, Sir Anthooy Ackland, was escorting Mrs Thatcher to Blair House, where she was Ronald

Lady Ackland was speaking at a glittering dinner to raise money for the Washingtoo Hnme, where she and other embassy wives are voluoteers, comforting elderly residents in the long-term wing, and younger patients with Aids in the

The ambassador and his staff work late into the night. The Acklands live in the residence next door to the office in Massachusetts Aveoue, which remains npen around the clock - vital, particularly as London is five hours

ahead.
The staff in Britain's premier embassy are 529, nf which 325 are British- based. The 204 who are locally employed (some with British backgrounds) tend to occupy posts such as secretaries, commercial officers, security guards and

Of those posted from London, 113 are employed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and 145 no defence matters, including civilians employed by the Ministry of Defence - reflecting the

East-West power balance and the future of Nato.

Then there is the consular department, headed by Fleur Fraser, commercial and economic sections. Press and public rela-tions—and, of course, the political (chancery) role of the Foreign Office. We are an annexe nf Whitehall, not a typical embassy, being double the size of embassies in Paris and Bonn," explains Francis Cornish, who heads the information section.

Francis, along with other senior staff, expects to stay about four years. More junior people have shorter terms — two to three years — but they share a common enjoyment: Washington is the ultimate seat of power.

Surprisingly, embassy staff are not hemmed in by bureaucracy. The impression they give is of being able to exercise initiative: "I expected the diplomatic service to be stuffy," says Richard Clarke, for whom comprehensive school was followed by the University of East Anglia. A friend said he should apply to the Foreign Office. Now, aged 33, he is a fast-rising First Secretary no the politicomilitary side, with a key role in

"A lot of my work deals with highly confidential material," he says. He finds that "people are approachable, but you have to be careful out to be used by one power function against another." Mr Clarke is representing British interests in helping policymakers in the US - for instance, in relation to recently-proposed leg-islation which would have forced Europe to foot the bill far US troops in their countries. "I co-ordinated the lobbying campaign

with other countries and spent a lot of time no Capitol Hill." Eventually the campaigners won and the punitive measures were modified. "Millions of dollars were involved," he says.

Mr Clarke, who enjoys the social life and allows time to indulge his fascination in the American Civil War, is nearly half way through his four years.

He joined the Foreign Office in the executive officer stream, in the western European department, from where he transferred to the faster-moving administrative

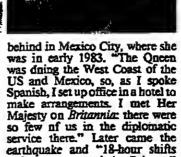
Liz Webb, the Third Secretary in Chancery (the equivalent of Mr Clarke's former role in Sonth America) joined the far eastern department of the Foreign Office



in 1984. "I went to Buckingham Palace to meet the new Mongolian amabassador, preseotiog his credentials to the Queen," she said. She read Russian and politics at Bristal University, hot never expected to be thrown in at the deep end, having to prepare briefing papers oo Japan for ministers. Those responsibilities did not involve travel. "I went to Ulan Bator nn holiday," she added. She made the move with 26 boxes of possessions.

Allison Crawford, personal assistant to the head of chancery, has temporarily left her husband





The telephooe nn Mrs Crawford's desk rang constantly as Downing Street was preparing for Mrs Thatcher's visit. Staff popped in and Mrs Crawford coordinated their requests for interviews, the

trying to contact missing Britons."

three of the rising young stars of our US embassy: Liz Webb, left; Allisoo Crawfurd, above right, and Richard Pratt

documents and administrative details. She has a typewriter, not a computer, "for security reasons". The job is hecue, "keeping one step ahead of the chancery", which entails listening to news and being "io the middle of what is going

on".
That sense of being in the midst
of a huzzing political scene is
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helped by "the very open soci here," according to Richard Pratt. aged 39, the economic counsellor, seconded from the Treasury in undertake this key role, which specializes io banking and tax-atinn and iovolves Inbbying. For example, he helped in improving a Bill passed by Cnn-

gress in keep track of money
"laundered" hy drug traffickers. It
would have entailed foreign banks keeping records of US currency transactions worldwide. "We lob-bied hard and fast with other countries," he says, and the legislation was modified.

The scale of salaries io the embassy are modest - those interviewed earned from about £10,000 to more than £20,000. plus free accommodation. In turn they work beyond nffice hnurs, appreciating that Washington is a way of life - a prize posting.

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Graduates showing enterprise

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had started work shortly after
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The numbers of graduates becoming self-employed or setting up businesses straight from higher education have shown an interesting rise during the last year or so," says Alun Jones, senior careers adviser at Huddersfield Polytechnic. "The notion of the 'enterprise society' seems to be getting through to students." Students in school sixth forms and colleges of further education can draw considerable encouragement from the cuntinuing trend towards sanier permanant work. The authors of the survey conclude that overall, career expectations and prospects are better with a degree than without ona.

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Correcting miscarriages of justice

THE LAW

Lord Devlin and Lord Scarman in The Times last week raised fundamental questions about the way our legal system deals with miscarriages of justice. The fate of the Guildford Four, serving life for the public house bombings, "has shattered our belief that there is no one in any English prison serving a sentence of more than a year who has not been found guilty by a jury which has heard substantially all the relevant evidence", they wrote. "Our constitutional law on which our freedoms depend has

been disordered." Earlier this year the distin-guished Scottish Law Lord, Lord McCluskey, told the International Bar Associatioo conference that "vast numbers of people are being punished for crimes they did not commit" and that there was "a lack in our systems of criminal justice of more effective means of remedying an injustice". Their comments may have sur-

prised many people. After all,

criminal appeals in England and Wales since 1904, and io Scotland since 1926, the purpose of which is to remedy such injustice.

What evidence is there that the appellate courts are failing in their task? In Scotland, the High Court of Justiciary, sitting as the appel-late court in criminal matters, only produces a writtee judgment of appeals which raise some legal point of note. In England, although the Court of Appeal (Criminal Divisioo) produces a written judgment of every appeal, only those few involving points of law are published, unlike the civil judgments. Criminal judgments are only available to the court, although they can be purchased from the shorthand writers. As few miscarriages of

justice involve points of law, it is



almost impossible in practice to determine whether the courts of appeal are doing their job properly. It is a herculean task to persuade

the judges that the jury reached the wrong verdict in the absence of mistakes of law or unfairness oo the part of the trial judge. Since the powers of the English Court of Appeal were reformed in 1966 to enable it to quash a cooviction when it had, in the words of Lord Widgery in the leading case of R. v. Cooper, a "lurking doubt" about the safety of the conviction, it is only possible to identify some

six cases where the court has

The courts are not on the side of those

wrongly convicted, Peter Ashman writes

actually used its powers on the grounds that the jury reached the wrong verdict on the evidence.

In the past 22 years, the court has had to deal with almost 6,000 applications for leave to appeal against conviction each year. In Scotland, where the powers of the High Court were similarly enlarged in 1980, a similar reluctance to quash convictions is evident. Recognition of unjust imprisonmeet might appear to have fared better at the Home Office. In the

to the Exchequer of £963,000. But the Home Office, like the Scottish Office, will not even consider investigating complaints about the correctness of a conviction-where it is alleged that the jury reached the wrong verdict on the evidence. The coovicted person has to have fresh evidence convincing enough to prove innocence, almost beyoud reasonable doubt

The all party law reform group Justice examines several hundred complaints of unjust imprisonment each year. Because of its slender resources, it only examines those where people are serv-

ing more than four years' imprisonment. It has to take account of the highly restrictive manner in which the Court of Appeal exercises its powers and the even greater reluctance of the Home and Scottish Offices to be persuaded that anything could have gone wrong at the trial or the appeal. Even with those severe restrictions, it is reasonably convinced that at least 10 people a year are wrongly imprisoned.

Lord McCluskey proposed new international machinery to tackle injustice. But anyone who has brought proceedings under the European Convention on Human Rights will know just how hesitant international bodies are to make adverse findings of fact against a government. Moreover, there are no common international stan-

dards about evidence or proof. In the UK, for example, one single piece of evidence is normally sufficient to convict th England and Wales, but in Scotland there must generally be at, least two pieces of evidence from independent sources. In England and Wales, if more than two jurors doubt the guilt of the accused, they cannot be convicted. In Scotland, up to seven jurors can doubt their guilt but they can still be convicted by the other eight jurors.

The essential precondition to avoiding injustice in any criminal justice system is if those who operate it are prepared frankly to acknowledge that mistakes can and do occur are willing to remedy them. Complacency is the enemy of justice and constant vigilance is needed on the part of the authorties, judges, lawyers and the media.

• The uuthor is a barrister and has been legal officer of Justice for the past 10 years. The some expressed in this article are entirely personal.

House of Lords

Law Report December 6 1988

years 1980-1987, the Home Secret-

ary compensated 60 persons for

wroogful imprisonment, at a cost

Court of Appeal

First 'for sale' board always lawful

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Bran-don of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff of Chieveley [Speeches December I] An estate agent who displayed a

"for sale" board on a property cootioned to enjoy the deemed consent for the board granted by regulation 6(2) and Class III(a) in regulation 14(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Coottol of Advertisements) Regulations iog the subsequent erection of a second board by another estate guilty.

the Queen's Beoch Divisional Court (Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Hutchison) (The Times April 7: [1988] 2 All ER 449), who had dismissed his appeal by case stated from Richmond Justices.

Regulation 6(2) of the 1984 Regulations provides that planning consent shall be deemed to be granted for the display of certain advertisements, includ-

ing. in Class III(a) of regulation 14(1):

Advertisements relating to the sale or letting of the land on which they are displayed; limited, in respect of each such sale or letting, to one advertisement coosisting of a board . . . ".

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Terence Bergin for Mr Porter, Mr David Lamming for the prosecutor, Mr Michael Joho Hooey.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that Mr Porter, after receiving continuing the deem instructions to sell two properties in Richmond upon Thames, had displayed a for the display of the unlawfu subsequent boards.

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sale" board outside each prop-erty. His boards had been the first to be displayed.

Thereafter, the owners of the properties had each instructed a second agent, and those agents had erected their own boards on the properties without Mr Por-ter's knowledge or consect.

Mr Porter and the other agents had been charged with offences contrary to regulation 8 of the 1984 Regulations and section 109(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, The other agents had pleaded guilty; Mr Porter had been found

an appeal by the estate ageot, Mr Anthony Harold Porter, from the Queen's Beoch Divisions The question for the House property should be held to have committed a criminal offence because another agent unlaw-fully and without the knowledge or consent of the first agent placed a second board on the same property.

Any layman would surely oot hesitate to answer "No". Un-fortuoately, the legislation posed a more difficult question of construction for the lawyer. The difficulty was created by the fact that Class III limited the

deemed consent io respect of each sale or letting to one advertisement. The local authority therefore argued that, if there were two advertisements in respect of the same sale, there was no deemed

consect in respect of either of lo his Lordship's view, the regulations only made sense and did justice if they were read as cootinuing the deemed consent for the display of the first board despite the unlawful display of

matter of necessary implication, read Class III(a) as if it contained the following italicised

words: ... limited, io respect of each such sale or lettiog to one advertisement that being the first advertisement displayed when more than one is displayed

consisting of a board The local authority had submitted that such a construction would raise grave practical difficulties in enforcing the leg-islation because of the difficulty of proving which board had been erected first, but his Lordship could not believe that in the vast majority of cases it would not be possible to establish that by a simple inquiry from the property owner or from the estate ageots themselves or from the records of the company

erecting the boards.

Of course, it would be easier to bring every estate ageot before the court and find them all guilty, but to accept such a construction would be to pro-mote injustice in the interests of administrative convenience, and his Lordship could out believe that it had been the intentioo of the secretary of state to jovite Parliament to

ber 28, 1988, the amendment had been introduced to scotch the argument advanced to the Divisional Court by Mr Porter to the effect that the regulations permitted each advertiser to have one board rather than limiting the permission to one board for each sale or letting. It was now clear that the deemed consent was limited to one board at any one time. Nevertheless, his Lordship would read the amended Class Itl(a) as subject to a similar implication so that the first advertisement attracted the.

Lord Keith, Lord Elwyo-Jones, Lord Brandon and Lord

Solicitors: Axelrods, Richmond; Mr G. S. McGowan, Twickenham.

Early start to term

The Civil Division of the Court of Appeal would sit on January 10, 1989, in accordance with a practice note issued by Lord Donaldsoo of Lymington, Mas-ter of the Rolls, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, on Novem-

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As his Lordship read the explanatory note to the amended Class III(a) contained in the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements! (Amendment No 2) Regulations (SI 1987 No 2227), which came into force on October 29, 1982 the amendment

Practice Note (Court of Appeal (Civil Division)) ROLLS said that having determined that sittings were occ-essary for the purpose of hearing

appeals and applications oo Tuesday, January 10, 1989, in the exercise of the power conferred by Order 64, rule 2(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court and with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, his Lordship directed that the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal should sit

approve regulations providing Department of the Environ-for such a result. Department of the Environ-ment v Thomas Bates and Son

Before Lord Justice O'Connor. Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Taylor

(Judgment November 24) Damages in negligence could not be recovered for the cost of remedial work to a building only for the purpose of rendering the huilding fit to support its

design load.
The Court of Appeal so held in dismissiog an appeal by the Department of the Environment, under-lessee of Great Oaks House, Basildoo, against a decision of Judge Smout, QC, as Official Referee, that it had oo cause of action against Thomas Bates and Son Ltd, the builders of Great Oaks House, regarding expenditure oo strengthening eight supporting pillars which deemed consent and was not lost by the unlawful erection of had been constructed using low strength concrete.

The court did not consider the builders' cross-appeal by which they contended that the cause of action was io any event statute

Mr John Laws for the department, Mr David Hunt, QC and Mr Tereoce Mowschensoo for

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that the judge below concluded that the strengthening of the pillars had not been with the inteotion of averting imminent danger to health or safety but to prevented the appellant from making full use of the building to the extent for which it was designed.

He relied on the decision in Pirelli General Cable Works Ltd Mr Justice Drake so stated in v Oscar Faber and Partners a listing statement issued to the

the tower block had increased towards the design load. Once warning was given there was no question of that happening. So, the remedial works were not to avert imminent danger; they were to enable the building to be used to the full extent of the design lead. was wrong to regard the instant case as governed by Pirelli, a limitation case which was not specifically concerned with the problem of a present defect and merely anticipated damage.

He submitted that an occu-

pier could recover against a negligent builder in tort the cost of remedial work undertaken in advance of any physical damage to the building in order to avert imminent risk of physical jojury to persons. That proposition was, he said, supported by the dictum of Lord Justice Ralph Gibsoo in London Congregational Union v Harriss ([1988]] to be used. All ER 15, 24) and by Anns v Merton London Borough Council ([1978] AC 728), among

Even assuming Mr Laws' proposition was right and supported by authority, the ques-tion remained as to whether, on the judge's findings, the appel-lant could succeed here.

The crucial question was whether the remedial works were "to avert imminent risk of: physical injury to persons".

The judge found there had and warning given, the danger

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([1983] 2 AC 1) io rejecting the
appellant's claim.

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> Mr Laws said that was 10 avert imminent danger because (a) the word "immincot" should not be interpreted too restric-tively as to time and (h) there would be danger if the huilding were to be used as it was intended or might be expected

As to (a) he submitted that imminent" meant no more in this context than soon. The danger did not have to be immediate and he cited a passage from Lord Justice Lawton in Ketteman v Hansel Properties Ltd ([1984] I WLR 1274, 1290) in support.

However, in that case there was no doubt that damage was going to occur at some stage unless remedial under-pinning was done. Here once the weakoess was detected to the pillars

As to (h) the huilding could continue to be used as it had been, in safety, provided the load was not increased. The remedial works were done. therfore, not to avert otherwiseinevitable danger hut to restore the appellant the full capacity of the building for which they bargained by their under-lease. To allow recovery in tort if

defective building made remedial work necessary to avoid injury, but not if it was necessary only to render the build-ing fit for its intended use, might seem a dismal distinction to an aggrieved occupier. But it was a necessary distinction if, as at present the law declined to allow an action io tort equivalent to the enforcement io contract of a warranty of fitness.

On the facts, therefore, Mr Laws was unable to bring his claim within the proposition upon which he relied. Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice O'Connor delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;

Changes in chambers procedure

Listing Statement (Queen's Bench Judge in Chambers) Because some cases had been subject to unacceptable delay in getting a hearing date before a judge in chambers, changes in the listing procedure would be made starting from December 1,

affecting hearings estimated to take more than 30 mioutes. Mr Justice Drake so stated in

Queen's Bench Division on November 17. HIS LORDSHIP said that at present those hearings were put on a list for special appoint-ments about 60 per cent of which were appeals.

Appeals would be put on a separate list known as the Chambers Appeals List with efforts made to give at least seveo days notice before appeals into The Daily Cause List on any day of the week but particularly Fridays and might often be floaters. Fixtures would only be given in exceptional

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A winning way with words Carry On Abroad

Wit and intelligence in the world of law and accountancy were the hallmarks of The Times Young Professionals' Competition 1988

alent scouts from the leading legal and accountancy firms would have had a field day last week wheo the awards were presented to the winners of The Times' first Young Professionals' Competition. Not only were youth and beauty joined to wit and intelligence but the 12 finalists were all eminently (although some not imminently) employable. If the future of the professions depends on such as these we have no need to fret about it.

As Charles Wilson, editor of The Times and chairman of the judges, commented before announcing the results: "The Times regards itself as the house journal of both the accountancy and legal professions and it was therefore appropriate that we should initiate this competition at a time when the recruitmeot, educatioo and training of young lawyers and accountants is attracting so much attention."

The competition was run in two categories - Legal and Financial. In the legal category, sponsored by the solicitors FISHBURN BOXER, candidates were invited to comment on whether "trial by media" can ever be justified. The judges -Mr Wilson, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, and

Clive Boxer, a senior partner of Fishburn Boxer — had a lengthy discussion at the House of Lords before selecting the winner - Clare Price, a 23-year-old post-graduate student at Cambridge University.

In a rousing passage, which should perhaps be required reading for all journalists, she argued:

Investigative journalism pro-vides an invaluable method of exposing wrong-doing and cor-ruption — it is one system of checks and balances. Yet it can never be certain that the media have all the facts before them, that they have interpreted them cor-rectly, that they have not been over-selective in their choice of material, and that they wish to present a balanced picture unclouded by their own political or social learnings. In many m-stances, the media are motivated by their own interests and do not

Ms Price's article ranged over "great media trials" of the last three decades. Drawing oo evidence from the death of Stephen Ward after the Profumo scandal to the hunt for fugitive Nazis, she was able to conclude that if we were "to retain the integrity of our legal system, unrestricted coverage and comment can only be acceptable at the conclusion of the case".

Clive Boxer said that though he was impressed by the quality of the short-listed articles he was surprised by how much they favoured the influence of the press. He was also puzzled by the absence of any reference in the Barinw Clowes affair. "It just shows that young lawyers find the City and commer-



cial affairs rather daunting. But I would advise all of them to read the business pages in the newspapers as well as the law reports, because in the future that is where much of the best work is going to be."

ntrants in the Financial category, sponsored by AR-THUR YOUNG, the accountants, were asked whether the hunger for short-term profits was destroying British industry. In this case the judges were Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, Michael Hoy, managing editor of The Times, and Peter Edwards, a senior partner at Arthur Young. Arthur Young.

Each of the judges approached the question from a different angle but in the end they were swayed by the argument from 17-year-old Ben

Amersham, Bucking-School at that companies are mistakenly choosing to give shortterm profits a higher priority than long-term investment.

In researching his case, Mr Thompson showed plenty of enter-prise. For example, he went direct to Richard Branson of Virgin to get his response after the company chief had said that his policy of long-term investment and its effect on share prices was a just reason for remov-ing Virgin from the Stock Exchange. Mr Thompson wrote: "Investors understand that success can only be achieved by slow but steady growth and therefore expect a longer term return on their investment."

In reviewing the entries, Peter Edwards said that it was nice to see so many young people contribute to accountancy and finance. It was certainly evident that many young people are apprehensive of the influence of short-term thinking on

As Nick Pratt, a business studies student from Dorset, said: "There is worrying evidence that British innovators are being forced to work for foreign competitors because there is so little finance available for their

ong-term projects Not everyone accepted this view. and a barrister, Jonathan Peacock, was convinced that "the long-term view of profitability, growth and investment are back io fashion".

For my part, I am particularly grateful to one of the short-listed entrants, Sarah Eltis, who reminded me that it was Oscar Wilde who said: "In the old days men had the rack. Now they have the press."

And now, of course, the press has competitions — so congratulations to our winners who have triumphed over such an ordeal.

• RESULTS: Legal category. Winner, Clare Price. Runner-up, Robert Foulston. Short-listed, Sarah Eltis, Rachel Johnson, John Bloom and John Odgers.

Financial category. Winner, Ben Thompson. Runner-up, Junathan Mount. Short-listed. Jonathan Peacock, Nick Pratt, Fiaz Khan and

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Cima has more then 600 members and 4,200 stude members and 4,200 s in Sri Lanka, putting it



crown. As the institute's ident, Ronald Kett, president, nonaid cert, above, says: "Against daunting odds, the Sri Lanka branch has becom first in the world to have erected a new building designed exclusively for

Cima purposes." The new branch HQ will help the institute to consolidate its position by providing study, library, office and auditorium facilities. It is also a salutary thought that at a time when the mutual at a time when the mutual recognition of professional qualification presents difficulties in Europe there are nations beyond the seas eager to get the benefits of a British professional body. Come back Empire, all is

Continuing the theme on go-ahead accountants, I Up" series from Chartrac Training at the Institute of puts on audio cassette a number of expert briefings on matters of common professional interest. I need hardly say that the most recent "Top Up" is about That Year, but don't be put off. The tape has both the strength and weaknesses of a typical mid-evening Radio 4 programme. it's not quite in the John Cleese mould of training but well worth listening to on your in-car audio system the next time you get stuck in a

traffic jam. Details: contact Maria Murphy, Member Services Directorate, at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, tel.

Secrets

In Briefly (A man to keep your secrets, November 22), I may have inadvertently given the impression that Stuart Impression that Stuart
Duncan of Stoneham Langtor
& Passmore did not keep
confidential his firm's
participation in Imace (the
Industrial Mambers Advisory
Committee on Ethics). In fact, Mr Duncan was asked by a director of imace to speak to me. My apologies for

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Uplift to Turkish delight

He is the man who went for pee and was never seen again. He is 4ft 10in and the strongest man pound for pound in the world. He is an international political figure, the only Olympic weightlifter bought for a transfer fee, and he has set world records under three different names. He is not the sort of man you run into every day.

The theft of a name is, in

one way, the ultimate in oppression. Name Suleimanov, n Bulgarian international weightlifter but an ethnic Tark a Turkish speaker with a Turkish name - was ordered to change his name to Nnoum Shalamanov.

The Bulgarian government decided to outlaw its ethnic minorities in 1984. Language is one of the greatest forces for division and strife in history. The Bulgarians forbad the speaking of Turkish in all public places. Traditional Turkish tronsers became illegal. Turkish names were forcibly Bulgarianized.

It is difficult for us Brits to understand all this - I mean, don't they read Orwell in Bulgaria? - bui Shalamanov. nobody's fool, knew his potential worth as a defecting champiou.

And so he escaped from a weightlifting competition in Australia, and is now as Turkish as a man could be, under the splendid name of Naim Snleymanoglu. He won his featherweight gold medal at the Olympics in Scoul, breaking the world record six times as he did so. At 9st 6oz he is quite phenomenal, pound-for-pound the best in

the world. He is also walking talking propaganda. He was in Britain briefly on Sunday, appearing on television and doing a spot of promotion at the Barbican Health and Fitness Centre, and then on to Washington, to meet President Reagan. The red carpet was unrolled. He Great Man's publicity boys must already be crooning at the thought of the photographs it will make: Reagan riding tall in the saddle alongside Suleymanoglu, the 4ft 10in symbol of freedom from

commie oppression, has the gift that some small possession. He makes every one else feel awkward and freakish. The only other man 1 for Turkey in the Olympic have met with such a knack is Games until Bulgaria gave



Bill Shoemaker, the American jockey. He knows he is the best: everything else follows from there. Speaking through an interpreter, be said that his greatest achievements in life were winning his gold and moving to Turkey.

"I decided to escape in 1985. when they changed my name. That was the reason. There were other things — hut it was the name most of all."

He had met exiled Turks and Bulgars in Australia in 1985. "They warned me that they would change my name if I went back. But I didn't have the courage then." He was ready to go when he was in Melbourne in 1986 for the World Cnp. Suleymanogin -Shalamanov - wnn it. naturally.

again, and told them I wanted tn escape. There was a banquet after the World Cup in n restaurant. 1 gut np. pretending I was going to the loo, and just walked out into a car which my friends had waiting. was not frightened at the time - 1 had taken the decision. I accepted it, just

accepted the fact. "The Bulgarians had no idea I planned to escape. I had been to many other places to compete, and had not escaped. There had not been nn opportanity - hnt if I had known how easy it was, I would have done it earlier."

But Australia, without the pressures of hig and powerful neighbours, was the perfect choice for escape, and is yet another illustration of Suleymanogln's political nous. After lying low in a safe house while the storm broke, he went to the Turkish Embassy. The was flown to London, and then from Loudou to Turkey. He made the last leg of the journey in the Turkish Prime Minister's personal jet.

"The Turkish nation just embraced me. The Turkish Prime Minister treated me as Suleymanoglu takes it all as his son. I was given endless nothing less than his due. He opportunities." In sbort, Suleymanogin became a natmen have, of complete self- ional treasure. But they had to pay through the nose for him. Snleymanoglu could not lift



Acceptable face: Suleymanoglu was warmly embraced by the Turks, whose entrepreneurs turned cartwheels of glee

him permission to change his allegiance. The Bulgarians agreed. The asking price for forgiveness was a million dol-

A truly remarkable sportsman is worth a frightening amount. Sport, above all other fields of human endeavour, is nniquely entertaining, uniquely prestigious, uniquely capable of capturing public attention. As the acceptable public face of Turkey, this henomenal man, with bis freakish size, the glamour of the defector and a marvelpresence, was worth a fortune. anything Turkish - tonrism,

is fully aware of his own value. He used his victories coldly and deliberately to embarrass Bulgaria into releasing his family, "I had to wait three years. I was concerned for them - but not too much. Of course, the Bulgarians paid

attention to them because they

were my family - hut I knew that because they were my family they could not do too much, because it would be known hy the Press. "After I won the European championship in Cardiff early this year, I said afterwards lously self-contained public that I hoped my family would soon be allowed to join me in Those who wished to promote Turkey. I knew that if the foreign Press reported this, politics, exports - could only the Bulgarians would be

And after the Olympics, in the Press conference, I said so again, and I know that affected the Bulgarians a lot."

So much so that they permitted his family to join him in October. Suleymanogla: champion, and deliverer: not bad for a man of 22. Oh, and be has 35 world

records to his various names, as well as a flat given to him hy the Turkish Government. He has played his hand like a master. "My situation is ex-cellent. The Turkish people are very close and warmhearted, I was at home there at once. I just had to give something in return. The atmosphere - I just warmed up immediately. I have friends turn cartwheels of glee. emabarrassed. Every opportu-from Bulgaria I miss, of And Suleymanoglu himself nity I found, I mentioned this. course. New friends are silver,

hut old friends are gold. I am studying - sports studies and I am learning English. For the rest, time will show."

He has the world, and certainly Turkey at his feet, and Barcelona 1992 in his sights. He ducks all questions about his future outside sport - husiness? politics? - hut he could do almost anything he wanted. A. great sportsman, a truly exceptional champion, he is in a unique position of

The Turkish Government say he is worth far more than a million dollars. Well, so is everybody else under any form of oppression anywhere in the world. But you bave to be a sportsman before they will pay the asking price.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes to provide sternest of tests for Murphy's men

The moment of truth in the John Player Special Trophy has arrived for Alex Murphy. The St Helens manager has piloted his side with difficulty through ties against York, Hull and Wakefield Trinity, matches which were not expected to provide stern tests for the Saints, yet he has been the first to admit that they were streaky

victories. In two of them, against Hull d against Trinity last Sunday.

and against Trinity last Sunday. St Helens played badly at the start, fell behind, and won only through strong finishing hursts. Murphy and his team will not get away with this against Widnes in the first semi-final, at Central Park on Saurday. Widnes are in tremendous form and would certainly not allow an 18-2 lead to slip away as Wakefield did. They are a side without an apparent weakness, wakefield did. They are a sole without an apparent weakness, brimming with confidence, and can come from behind against the best of opposition as they proved when trailing 6-0 to Warrington on Saturday.

Murphy said after the game on Sunday that he was tired of on Sunday that he was tired of criticism about "lucky Saints", and that critics would be eating their words when his side retain Bradont Normen (Headingley, Dec 17).

finals tend to be won by small margins and by strong-tackling sides, this may prove to be a virtue for Bradford. Their pack contains imposing names in Makha Enistable and the skilful contains imposing names in Hobbs, Fairbank and the skilful and experienced Pinner, and neither Wigan nor Hull Kingsion Rovers will underestimate their challenge. Meanwhile, Shaun Edwards Wigan's international half back, has had n most unlikely mishap.

the trophy they won against Leeds last season. If the Saints

bear Widnes on Saturday, Mur-

phy will certainly be entitled to

In the other semi-final, the winners of the Wigan v Hull

Kingston Rovers replay will

meet Bradford Northern ne

Headingley a week on Saturday.

Northern are not the most spectacular side in the league, and they lend to rely on a hard-

tackling heavyweight pack to make progress, with the backs

swooping in to pick up the half-

chances However, since trophy semi-

generous apologies.

Rebel Sills

He has caught chicken-pox from his five-year-old brother.

ICE HOCKEY

Racers narrow the gap with two wins

By Norman de Mesquita

Although Durham Wasps and Tayside Tigers gave the sport the best possible publicity in Saturday's televised Norwich Union Cup final, Ayr Bruins and Murrayfield Recers showed the unacceptable face of ice hockey in their Heineken League match in Ayr on

Saturday.

A brawl in the first period saw the ejection of two players from each side and, all hough tempers were just about held in check. Sunday's return in Edinburgh was another niggling game which did little credit to either

Racers won both encounters comfortably to move to within two points of the Wasps at the lop of the premier division. Nottingham Panthers are also mounting a realistic challenge and they had a successful Scot-

tish weekend with wins over, Fife Flyers and Tayside Tigers. Once again Panthers hull their success on well organized defence and conceded only five goals in the two games. The Flyers had some excuse as Kokrment, one of their Czechoslovak imports, was missing

because of a damaged ankle that

could keep him out until after the turn of the year. Solibull Barons surprisingly won away to Peterborough Pirates and they now have seven points, leaving Streathan Red-skins, humbled at home by Whitley Warriors and still searching for their first point, even further adrift at the font of

London's division one sides also fared badly with Richmo Flyers thrashed by Deeside Dragons, for whom Perlini scored 14 goats and five assists, and Lee Valley Lions bearen at home by Cleveland Bombers, who had surrendered their unbeaten record to Medway Bears

on Salurday,
RESULTS: Honeken League: Premier timasor: Ayr Brunns 4, Murrayliold Racers 12, Fife Flyers 2, Notengham Panthers 6; Murraylield Racers 13, Ayr Brunns 8; Peterborough Prates 5, Sobbuill Barons 7; Saraamam Redskins 7, Whatley Warmors 17; Taysade Tigers 3, Notengham Panthers 6, Division one; Medway Bears 8, Cleveland Bombers 4, Swindon Whocass 15, Sunderland Chiefs 1; Deesude Dragons 25, Richmond Flyers 6; Glasgow Eagles 6, Traiford Merros 9, Lee Vatigy Lons 3, Cleveland Bombers 9, Romford Raiders 4, Tethord Tigers 10.

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Rebel Song set to redeem reputation

Rebel Song, a beaten odds-on favourite last time, can redeem himself by winning division two of the Christmas Tree Chase at Leicester this

afternoon. He is my nap. One of the last season's leading novice hurdlers, when his wins tocluded the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival, he was strongly fancied to make a disqualification of Hogmanay successful debut over fences at Wincanton last month.

However, he found the front-running Larchwood 21/2 lengths too good, and while first impresssions suggested it was a disappointing defeat there are reasons to believe he should not be lightly discarded.

1.15 Short List.

FORM SOUTHDOWN SPRIT falled to complete on final two starts lest term.
Previously ran well to finish 71 3rd of 6 behind Aquiller at Taunton (3m. heavy). Needs further. WINGETTS weakened from two out when 91 3rd of 4 behind Tonesaint at Towcaster (2m 5f 110yd, good to down).

FORM NEVER A PENNY poor form in novice hurdles last season, Finished 5%14th of 10 to Eagle Moss at Plumpton (2m, pood to soft) on penultimete start last term. ROBESON ran on at one pace to finish 51 5th of 11 behind Proplus at Windsor (2m 6t, pood to firm) on penultimate start, with GROVELANDS (same terms) %16th and R LAD (same terms) 1517th.

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DIP FIGHTING LAD 90 (P Nort-Barnes) W Kemp 6-10-11
O/P3P-6 GROVELANDS 24 (P Smith) R Carris 0-10-11
SDP/P-P HAWTHORN JACKS 13 (M Johnston) G Righty 6-10-11
SDP/P-P HAWTHORN JACKS 13 (M Johnston) G Righty 6-10-11
O/P PARK LIGHT 12 (J Brownrigg) P Hobbe 6-10-11
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05080-0 R LAD 24 (W Roker) M Madgwick 4-10-11
05-3 SHORT LIST 35 (Mrs L Pinto) J Gifford 0-10-11
SPB0-50 STAR PORMULA 12 (R Webb) Miss A King 7-10-11
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SETTING: 9-4 Short List, 7-2 Grovalands, 4-1 Robeson, 9-1 Neve

1.45 Impany.

Going: good to soft

(Unners)

Larchwood had shown fair with Rebel Song, can also take he can land the Mistletoe pect of rewarding his support-chasing form herself last term, the first division with Sum Novices' Hurdle with Jabrut. ers by saddling Short List to particularly a two-length sec- Insured. The five-year-old ond to Tom Bir at Newbury, ond to Tom Bir at Newbury, made a highly encouraging and she had also won first chasing debut when a runningtime out last season.

Rebel Song, with that experience behind him, is taken to register his opening win over fences, at the main expense of Ibn Majed, who was promoted to first after the on technical grounds at Huntingdon last week.

That fortunate victory does, though, mean he must concede 8lb to Rebel Song, a task which could well prove be-

Oliver and Simon Sher-

2.15 Mather. 2.45 Shanbally Boy.

behind Hogmanay (disqualified) and the Majed at thindingdon (2m 4f, good to tirm) with THE COBALT UNIT (same terms) bith. Best effort when 12l 2nd to Wolfranger at Feltemham (2m, good).

STREET LEVEL detailed 10th of 13 behind Broad Beam at Southwal (2m 74yd, good) with MISS TALL (2b worse off) 11th.

SHOWT LIST locked in need of the run when making a promising responsance to be a close-up 3rd of 9 behind Pemper Priory at this course over 2m 2f (good), FARRITALE-ENDING run as though todays trip would suit when 20% 5th of 16 behind Holly Brown here over 2m 2f (good), but disappointed rext time at Wincardon (2m 6f, good).

Selection; SHORT LIST

P Holley (7)
O O'Suffivan
J Lodder (3)
S Neighbour
P NicDensott

.... O O'Suffirm (7) __ K Beer

S McKeever (7)
R Goldstein
W Morris

___ 2 Neighbour (7) — ____ Mrs C Elliott 84

.. R Howe

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 STEPASIDE LORD (nap).

12.45 COOMES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING CHASE (2816: 2m 2f 110yd) (11

BETTING: 9-4 Barecora, 3-1 The Cobalt Linit, 7-2 Wingetts, 7-1 Southdown Spirit, 10-1 Street Level, 14-1 Playfields, 16-1 others.

1987: SIR WAGER 9-10-8 Peter Coldwell (25-1) C Triegine 15 ran

SETTING: 9-4 Short List, 7-2 Grovelands, 4-1 Robeson, 9-1 Never A Penny, R Lad, 10-1 Fairytale

1987: AUCTION TIME 4-10-11 Dale McKeown (7-4 fav) R Akekuret 20 mm

1.45 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259: 2m 2f 110yd) (9 runners)

| 824-215 | BaPANY 18 (F.Q.S) (J McGrath) T Forster 9-12-0 | P Scadamore 2 215543- AUTURN ZULU 248 (CD.S) (F Boddy) Miss I, Bower 9-11-7 | R Rowell 3 311-325 THE LUCKPENNY BAIN 17 (CD.F.S) (T Clay) Mrs L Clay 9-11-7 | M Perrott 1 RE-PF05 BOARDMANS STYLE 15 (CD.F.G.S) (A Welle) R C Solfens 10-11-5 | O C Sulfren (7) 5 5344-51 YELLOW STAG 12 (F.G.S) (T Construction Ltd) J C Shot 9-10-12 | J O Doyle 4 431512 MARTHEDEE 13 (CD.F.F.G.S) (Whitcombe Racking Ltd) N Michael 9-10-10 | N Coleman 2 2452-41 BREAKCAST CAR 13 (F.) (J User) D Grissol 6-16-4 | Device 2 28-348 SMITTERFELD 36 (CD.F.S) (K Lockstone) M Madgwick 10-10-3 | R Godintoin 6 552262/ MAJOR TOM 610 (F.S) (Mrs J Prob) H Wille 11-10-3 | K Burks

BETTING: 5-2 The Luckpenny Man, 3-1 Breakfast Car, 7-2 Impany, 11-2 Maitredee, 7-1 Boantmans

1867: YOOKATINI 9-11-6 E McKinley (13-6 fav) J Gifford 6 ren

on two-length second to Agathist at Warwick last month. He looks set to go one better here. The Sherwood brothers will

also have high hopes with Numerate in the Holly Handicap Chase, but in this instance I prefer the David Baronstrained Seagram. He produced a strong late

rally to beat Highway Express by a short head at Wincantoo last mooth, with the third another 10 lengths away, and he can follow up.

Pipe is also represented in the day's most valuable race. the Coomes Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell Park, with Stepaside Lord. There is an element of danger in opposing any Pipe runner at present, but I feel justified in doing just that here with course and distance winner Mather.

He was successful in novices' hurdles last season and his seven-length third to Admirals All at Kempton last month suggests he is capable of taking even a race as competitive as this.

Josh Gifford's runners have Martin Pipe continues to go a strong following here and the Coomes Conditional Jockeys' wood, the team associated from strength to strength and Findon trainer has every pros- Selling Chase.

BETTING: 11-4 Ryde Again, 7-2 Stepastide Lord, 5-1 Heart of Stone, 8-1 Gode Fox, Persian Style 10-1 Ruling Dynasty, 12-1 Marber, 14-1 others.

1987: SOUTHERNAIR 7-11-2 6 Sherwood (9-2) J Jenkins 9 ran

BETTING: 1-4 Shanbelly Boy, 7-1 Robert Henry, 12-1 Boyne Salmon, 20-1 Brickyard, 33-1 General

1987: ABBA LAD 5-10-9 M Bowdby (15-2) Mrs J Pitmen 14 ran

BETTING: 2-1 Fatcham Park, 9-1 Passoler, 7-2 Occamist, 6-1 Menouschka, San Glovaral, 12-1 Katti, Last Shower, 19-1 others.

1987: HIGHLAND BOURTY 3-10-7 Richard Guest (25-1) S Dow 19 ran

Course specialists

1 00/0PP-P BO/THERN 24 (A Wetes) T Etherington 6-11-0 Ethorphy
2 22110P- CRUMB'ET DELITE 242 (G.S) (Mrs K Birchachough) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 Mr Pitman
3 04P3P-3 DEMOCRATIC BOY 12 (Miss Elizabeth Kright) J King 6-11-0 O Tegg
4 03040P- LISFENNELL 201 (B) (Mrs Susan McDonald) P Blockiny 6-11-0 R Cramk
5 02SP-0P MYSTERY CLOCK 25 (B.S) (Mrs Susan McDonald) P Bisiny 0-11-0 S Powell
6 FROUL4/ PAUPERS GOLD 544 (Mrs P Starkey) A Wilson 7-11-0 A Webb
7 9/ SAXSTEAD GREEN 809 (C Hubbard) 6 Hubbard 0-11-0 C O'Deywe

1.30 CHRISTMAS TREE CHASE (Div E £1,213: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

Selection: HEART OF STONE

Chekenham (Sm., good to firm) with BRICKYARD (same terms) over a distance away 5th. (SEERAL FROST has shown ability in point-to-points but was a well beater last of 4 to Chuches Green on panultimate start. None of the others

at Plumpton (2m, firm) last time with KETTI (same terms) 341 eway 6th. Martin Pipe's PETCHAM PARK, who finished 7th of

19 in a Redear hundicap (1m 4f) on his latest start and SAM GIOVANN, who ran Devizes to 81 at Lingfield (1m 4f) on his penultimate start look the pick of the newcomers.

JOCKEYS

..... S Wright #9 ... J Akehenst @ 99

. G Moore

- P Scudemore

... J Dugges R Goldstein

. A Gorman J Akahurat

G Heaver (7)
H Davies
L Lawrence (7)

. Mrs N Lecigar

Rides Per cent 57 24.6 167 18.0 68 14.7 22 13.6

. O Tegg • 99

... C O'Deyer M Lynch 2 Sherwood ... M Richards

.... K Burlo

2.15 COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,162: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

520-30 MATEAR 8 (CD.5) (Lord Methows) | Methows 5-10-1 150-803 SMITHY BEAR 15 (Y.S) (Mrs. J. John) R Dickin 6-10-8 1754-90 FARTHORNE LAD 10 (F.S) (R Bastisn) M Medgwick 4-10-0

3.15 BLACKHEATH NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m 2f) (20 runners)

OTRANS (17) IN CONTROL (17) ENGINE (17) EN

1 DOC'S COAT 42F (F) (J Stones) C Wildman 11-3 1 PATEMER 13 (F) (V Young) V Young 11-3 BRAVE SETANTA 65F (B Peace) F O'Mahony 10-11 OYMANO (V) (N Surfes) J Bridger 10-11 FETCHAM PARK 56F (D Lidderdele) M Pipe 10-11

Long handicap: Smithy Bear 9-3, Falthorne Led 9-0.

FORM STEPASSE LORD was a 17% 5th of 7 to Cloughtaney at Leopardstown (2m, soft) on penutiments start last season. Has since moved to Meritir Pipa's all conquering yard and must go very close if producing his best. HEART OF STORE impressed on seasonal debut beeting Lyphento (ric 16th) 11 over course and distance (good). He is looking for his 4th course win. GREY SALUTE looked in need of the run when 13th of 17 to Buckstin's Best in a valuable handloop at Chepstow (2m 41, soft). Can improve.
RIRLING DYNASTY, below form of late, has claims on 11 2nd to Calapsaz (gave 26th) over this course

FORM SHAMBALLY BOY had some useful form in treland lest year, culminating in a SI 3rd of 16 to Leyland Green (levels) at Limerick (2m, heavy), in a modest contest he can make his first outing for David Mutray-Smith a winning one. ROBERT HENRY looks the one for the forecast judged on a 271 3rd of 0 to Bigsun (gave 6tb) at

FORM DOC'S COAT has not been out since bearing. Wingcommander Ests (rec 2b) 31 at Dewn (2m 11, good to firm) in August.

PATENIER impressed when beating Spenish Servant (levels), 121 at Plumpton (2m, good to firm).

OCCAMIST looked in need of the race when competing in a better class than tale to be an 81 3rd of 14 to Viking Venture at Newbury (2m 100y, good).

LAST SHOWER finished SI 3rd of 12 to Native Kinght.

win the Greenwich Novices' Hurdle, Gifford has given himself an extra string to his bow by also declaring Robeson, but my preference is for Short List

He was about seven lengths third to Pamber Priory over 24 miles here last month and this extra four furlones should suit him well.

The consistent Impany is taken to defy top weight in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase, while Baracora's 12length second to the useful Wolfhangar at Fakenham in October gives him an outstanding chance in the

calls for levy

Luca Camani yesterday called for the abolition of the levy in its present form and suggested that racecourses should be able to charge bookmakers a copyright fee for the right to bet on their

own finances.
David Elsworth received the award for the National Hunt trainer of the year. Tomorrow he is to face the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club in Portman Square over the administration of control of the committee of the second control of the secon istering of steroids to Cavries Clown last season. Acknowledg-ing this he said: "All us trainers Champion hurdler Celtic Shot (Peter Scudamore) returns to are guilty of giving something t horses. We give them care an loving kindness and the best the

jump racing are very compet-itive. I enjoy them both but I am-prejudiced in favour of jumping. As far as the Flat is concerned, I

steeplechase jockey of the year.
With his leg still in plaster after breaking it in two places at Market Rasen in September, he

Prince breeds

video he was lucky not to have broken his oeck." It is a significant race for Pat's

the Flat two seasons ago, has

won three races over hurdles

from ooly five starts,
"His objective is the Sean
Graham Hurdle at Leopards-

town just after Christmas but

there are no suitable races in Ireland before that because he

hates going right handed," the trainer continued. "Brian Nolao

will ride if he has recovered from a bout of 'flu, otherwise I'll

be asking Tommy Carmody."

Lest year's winner, Pat's

Jester, who needs to produce a bold showing to ensure his future 3t this distance. "If he's not within 10 lengths of the winner then we'll probably look

caster has attracted only five runners, headed by a former

yesterday. "He has not run competitively for about 18 months," Bolger added. "He rapped a ovices' chases this seasoo.

SATURDAY'S BIG HURDLE 1.20 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE BULA HURDLE (Feature

Steve Knight retires

only noise the frame and artraining.

Kevin Mooney gave his mount plenty of time, but as soon as he joined issue with the favourite Weetmans Wagon running to the last hurdle, he was clearly going to win. "I'm absolutely thrilled," Gasele's wife, Judy, said. "Devils Elbow is still backward and leggy so he won't Steve Knight, who rode Maori
Venture to win last year's Grand
National, has retired. He will
begin work early next year as
head lad to Riehard Hannon, for
whom he regularly rode out
Turnell had feared the horse

every summer.

Knight, aged 33, started his career with Hannon, and partnered three winners on the Flat for him before riding for the would not jump round. Knight was also associated with such good horses as Birds Nest and April Seveoth among a career total of 209 winners.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Kelso

backward and leggy so he won't

do too much this season."

David Barons and Paul Nicholis completed a 117-1 treble with Just As Hopeful, Mister Christian and Yiragan

Going: som

12.45 (2m 198yd ch) 1, BETTY'S GIRL.

(M Bremnan, 4-1); 2, Jondale (Nrs 3
Bracburne, 15-2; 3, Resy's Song (S
Turner, 4-1); ALSO RAN: 11-0 fav Cool
Jamie (h, 14 Finale Sept (Sh), 15 Nfs Of
Spring (4th), 6 ran. 20, 101, 12, 31. 0
Brennan at Newack, Tote: 24.50; 21.50,
23.20. DF: 222.00, CSF-226.77, Winner
bought in for 2,300grs.

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1.15 (2m hdie) 1, WITHOUT A DOUBT (A J Culm., 9-4 fav; Michael Seeky's nap); 2, Albert The Great (R Fahey, 8-1); 3, Sir Speedy (D O'Sulfivan, 6-1), 410 RAN: 4 Beits Barrus (4th), 11-2 Trebonkers (8th), 7 Izadyer (5th), 10 Pendidey Gold, 14 Laugh A Miraute (pu), 25 Kristerson, 50 Mr Chris. 10 ran. 8, 274, 21, 174, 174, 17 rate at Otey, Totas 23,50; 21,20, 21,80, 21,70. DF: 218,00. CSF-220,82. Tricast: 292,72, 4,85 (2m ch) 1, (20 MBPE) MAC (P Niber) DF: £18.00. CSF-£20.92. Tricast: £92.72.

1.45 (2m ch) 1. GUNDNER MAC (P Niven, 9-4 fav; 2. South Seartee (G Bradley, 19-1): 3. Bitting Jack (L. Wyer, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Ready Steady (4th), 6 Pearl Merchant (pu), 10 Traprain Law (pu), 15 Andrew (pu), 25 Invisible Thief (6th), 50 Penegyrist (3th), 0 ran. 11, 12, 3, 8, N Bycroft at Brandsby, Tota: £3.90; £1.40, £6.70, £1.80. DF: £37.60. CSF: £33.51.

26.70, 21.80. OF: E37.00. CSF: E39.51.
2.15 (2m hdie) 1. TACTICO (G Bradley, 7-4 fav); 2. Shelgrove Piace (J O'Gorman, 6-1); 3. Rapal Bee (T Knight, 5-1). ALSO RAK: 11-4 Altar Point (4th), 7 Rosles Son (pu), 16 Master Blow (5th), 33 Th'oliman (8th), 100 Miss Metal-Woods (pu), 6 ma. 12, 31, 301, nk, 301. W Fairgrieve at Galestriels. Tota: 22.80; £1.40, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £6.60. CSF-£12.18. Tricast: 240.33.

240.33.

2.45 (2m &f hdie) 1, DURALEA (N. Doughty, 20-1); 2, Ab Jim Lad (M. Dwyer, 9-2); 3, Forallowse (Mr D. Mactaggart, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Prompt Action (6th), 0 Caney River, Sagart Aroon, 9 Springvale Crussde (4th), 10 Copetand Lad (5th), 16 Letric, 20 Washingo, 33 Forth And Tay, 50 Alexzam, Bleenshouree (pu), Forgon Conclusion, Spot On, Celtic Bombatell, Imperial Rein (pu), Katy Krys. 10 ran. 131, 8, 134, 67, 67, 67, 67, 67, 23.20. DF: 2182-10, CSF: 2112-73.

DF: E18210. CGF: E1122.

3.15 (2m 6f ch) 1, JOE'S FANCY (M Dwyer, 7-2; 2. Clouroche Gazatie (B Storey, 15-2; 3. Brounhill Lass (P Dennis, 3-1 fav), ALSO RAN-7-2 La Bourt (pu), 5-7 faser (pu), 15-2 Ground Master (5th), 20 Pristine (4th), 7 ran. 3, hd, 6, 6, 10 P. P. Liddle at Chester-Le-Street, Toier 24,50; 23,50, 22,80, DF: E14,90, CSF: 228,22. Piscapet: not wos. (Pool of 21,235.5) casted forward to Football today)

Worcester

Going: Soft 12:30 (2m hole) 1, DEVILS ELBOW (K Mooney, 5-1): 2, Westmans Wagno (T Wall, 15-6 fav); 3, Mangrove (B Povell, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Square One (Sch), 5 Mundy Star (ro), 16 Little Kav (4m), Run On String (6th), 35 Cowage Brook, 6 ran. 2, 51, 151, 3, 71. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn, Toter: El-80; 22-10, 21-20, £6.90, DF: £9.70. CSF: £13.59. 1.0 (2m ch) 1, BuTLERS PET (M Richerds, 5-1); 2, Owart (A Webb, 10-1); 3, New Helen (J Bryan, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 3 fav Flag of Truce (4th), 7-2 Super Express (pu), 13-2 Accietin (pu), 15-2 Bee Garden (ur), 20 Watly Wombet (pu), My Purple Prose (pu), 9 ran. 20, 1%; 20, T Hallest at Satissh. Totar 25.40; 21:30, 24.40, 23.20, DF: 254.30, CSF: 247.66. Tricast: 2427.48.

DF: 554.30. CSF: 247.69. TriCists 242.7.8.

1.30 (2m hole): 1. CELCRUS (R Macnice, 7-2): 2. Go South (I Lawrence, 4-1): 3. Combined Exercise (R Martin, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Bondard (4th), 14 Carpet Capers (5th), Gold State, 33 Crisp Nots. Supreme Nephew, Legal Com (5th). Tyrian Princess (B. 10 ran. Sh hd. 11, 15). 7. 7. M Pipe at Wellington. Tota: 24.80; £120, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £17.12.

2.0 (3m St ch) 1, WOODLANDS LAD (R Strongs, 20-1); 2, Mestord Lad (M Rich-ards, 9-2; 3, Ardesse (P Scudemors, 5-2 tav), ALSO RAN: 4 Way Under (pu), Limavady (f), 15-2 Wickspin (5th), 10 Ardent Spy 4th), 25 Loriot (pu), 68 Carvatyman (pu), 0 ran, NF; Lord Laurence, Nk, 20, 4l, %i, P Fritchard at Shipston-on-Stour, Tote: 273-90; 28-30, 52-70, 22-30, DF; 297-70, CSF; 2100.00, Tricast: 2280-77.

2.30 (2m hdie) 1, JUST AS HOPEFUL (P Nicholis, 5-2); 2, Avedic Teel (S Sherwood, 15-8 fav); 3, Headleys Bridge (Ger Lyors, 5-1); ALSO FAN: 4 Funaway 17rain (4th), 14 And Rod (6th), 16 Evercone (5th), 20 Ster In The West, 25 Cellic Abbott, 50 Galiic Beau, Kohaku, Leaping Grey, Pala King, Gerninera, 13 ran. 4, 8, 5, 6, 4, 0 Berrous at Kinosbrides, Tote: 24,30: 21,80. Barons at Kingsbridge, Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.96.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, MISTER CHRISTIAN (P Nicholis, 11-4); 2, Rumbing Song (L Harvey, 11-1); 3, Gembridge Jupiter (J Short, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Barge Pole (pul, 4 Lor Moss (f), 12 Noble Fyre (pul, 5 Organdeba (4h), 33 Smartide (pul, 5 nn. 25, 5, 15. O Barons at Kingsbridge, Tole: 53.20; £1.10, £3.40, £7.40, DF: £53.80, CSF: £27.89, Tricast £159.34.

3.30 (2m 4f hdie) 1, YTRAGAN (P Nicholis, 8-1); 2, Rosenti (P Herley, 33-1); 3, Vitte Park (R Teague, 7-2); 4, Emir Sultam (S Shewood, 16-1); ALSO RAN: 15-6 tev True Loop, 6 Even Smarter (6th), 6 Silver Strings (pu), 14 Gentisman Angler (pu), Zarsussi Line, Dress Up (pu), 25 Kessie-Bee (pu), 33 Run of Weld (pu); 50 Keliye And Cohens (pu), Caddagat (5th), Fizz (pu), Pleadity Prince (pu), Severn Manor (pu), 17 ran. 6, 1%; 20, 1, 30, 0 Berors at Kingsbridge, Tone: £8.40; £1.70, £4.80, £1.10, £2.90, DF: £64.30, CSF: £218.59, Tricast: £1003.09, Pleacepot £50.80. Placepot: £50.80.





changes By Michael Seely Racing Correspondent

programmes.

Receiving the Derby award as leading trainer overseas for the second time at the 22nd annual luncheon of the Horserace Writing ers' and Reporters' Association at a London hotel, Cumani also put forward the case for more autonomy for racecourses and asked that they be allowed to retain profits generated by the tote for their own near. tote for their own use.

"At present raccourses receive only a small percentage of
the tote takings," he said.
"Surely it would be better if they
were allowed to rent out the
equipment and buildings and be
allowed to retain a larger
percentage of the profits. And if
they were able to charge the
bookmakers a fee for betting, it
would give them more freedom
to be entrepreneurial."
Cumani is influenced by the

Cumani is influenced by the enormous presperity of racing overseas, particularly in the United States, where race-courses are in charge of their own finances.

PYDE AdM ran consistently well test term. Landed a hat-trick before going on run best race in detect when a 3%! 3rd to the very useful Rymster at Chepetow (2m, good to soft). GOOS FOX put up best performence penuliforate start when 10%! 6th to Past Glories (gave 27b) in valuable Haydock listed hendicap (2m, good to soft) MATBAR has each way claims on 73 and to Monrals All (levels) at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm). 2.45 COOMES SENIOR CITIZENS NOVICES CHASE (22,115: 3m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

loving kindness and the best that money can buy."

The popular and hard-work-ing trainer of Desert Orchid admitted that steeplechasing was his first love. "Both Flat and larger processors or page company."

Celtic Shot faces a maximum tendon after winning at Tralce hate all this whingeing about the Arabs. They do nothing but good for the game. I only wish there were a few more of them at possible seveo rivals in the 220,000-added Charles Heid-sieck Champagne Bula Hurdle Coodor Pan, a good stayer on at Cheltenham on Saturday. The champioo hurdler has Whitsbury."
Chris Grant was voted come out of his seasonal debut win of just over a fortnight ago in good heart and trainer Char-lie Brooks is confident that Celtic Shot will be sharper than at Leicester, where, Brooks feels,

said: "I hope to have the plaster off by Christmas and to be riding again by the end of January."
Peter Doyle received the own-

ers' award on behalf of Jim Joel, the veteran owner of High Estate. Michael Roberts and David Chapman were the Flat race jockey and trainer of the year respectively.
Richard Duchossois, the

owner of Arlington Park, was given the International Racing Bureau's award for services to bureau's awaru not services to international racing. Arlington Park is to be re-opened next year with its new \$110 million grandstand, built to replace the one destroyed by fire in June 1985.

After Peter "Jumbo" Heaney had received the stable lads'

first winner

award, he made a plea for better facilities for stable lads in

Trust would help us to do something about it."

Lambourn, where he works for Nick Gaselee. "There are 450 people employed in stables in our area," he said. "There are no sports or recreational facilities whatsoever, only the pubs. I wish the Stable Lads' Welfare "He has not run connect." Cham.

he blew up. However, the race has lost

some of its significance with Mercy Rimell's decision not to

Shot in the Champion Hurdle last March. "Celtic Chief has a

spokeswoman.

Floyd, who defeated Celtic Chief in the 'Fighting Fifth' Hurdle at Newcastle, does run, and will again be ridden by Simon Sherwood, "While be is going well he'll keep going over," a spokesman for David Elsworth's stable said yesterday.
"If he runs well on Saturday he could then go to Kempton for

Celtic Shot in line

for Bula Hurdle

Last year's winner, Pat's Jester, was confirmed as a certain starter by trainer Dick corn on a foot," said a stable Allan. "He's nooe the worse for his fall at Newcastle last time," Allan said, "but looking at the

the Top Rank Hurdle. There is plenty of time to go chasing."

There is an interesting Irish

Crystal Stayers Hurdle," said

The £15,000-added Free-booter Novices' Chase at Don-

better off) 22l 6th and BORADMANS STYLE (11b better off) 6l 8th. BREAKFAST CARI lost his maiden tog when beating MAITREDET (3lb better off) 12l at Plumpton (2m., good to firm). Previously 20%l 4th of 12 behind Abbeybraney at Huntingdon (2m 200yd, good to firm), BOARDMANS STYLE (18b better off) was in 3rd when falling at the last. lest season. THE LUCKPENNY MAN ran on well to finish % addit of Davy's Weir over course and distance (good) on his penultimate outing, with SMITTERFELD (8b) Selection: THE LUCKPENNY MAN (nep) LEICESTER

Selections

12.30 Jabrut. 1.00 Saunders Lass.

FORM IMPANY, a consistent sort, was left in the lead, by the tast-fence fall of Rembing Whit at Stratford (2m, good) and came home 251 sheed of Big Ash, AUTUMN ZULL ran on at one pace to finish 354 3rd of 7 behind Kittinger at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) on Brial start least easter.

2.00 Seagram. 2.30 REBEL SONG (nap).

By Michael Seely 12.30 Jabrut, 1.30 Crumpet Delite.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 2.30 REBEL SONG. Guide to our in-line racecard

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sively on their Saturday games; their midweek teams

may have been weakened on

that account or several players

may have been reserving their

Cambridge, in contrast, have played more matches -

14 as opposed to 10 since term

began - against harder oppo-

sition. They have played four

first-division clubs and four

from Wales, compared with

bably played under more pres-

sure than have Oxford, and is one reason for supposing that

they are as capable of upset-

ting the odds, as last year when Oxford, with their three

internationals, were pre-

fitter than he was a year ago,

and their Wallabies, of whom

Smith at stand-off half is

This year Oxford have Kirk,

That suggests they have pro-

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main effort for the weekend.

Universities' hopes carried along on a wave of excitement

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

than to arrive. Mark Bailey reminded his London colleagues

before their game against the Australians in October. On that occasion, Bailey, the Wasps and former Camhridge wing who is in some danger of becoming pundit as well as player, was wrong,

since the arrival, too, was thoroughly satisfactory, but the aphorism could well be applied to the 107th University match, which will be played at Twickenham this afternoon. Many hopes have been pinned this term to Oxford

and Cambridge, who will go into the match as holders of the Bowring Bowl. The records of both sides bear comparison, taken at face value, with some of the best vears of the 1950s; the players involved suggest a capacity for exciling rugby which, taken in conjunction with the general upturn in English fortunes at representative level this sea-

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REPLACEMENTS: 16 D J Cook (St John's, Leutherhead and Christ Church); 17 D A Politinghorne (Kearsney College, Natal, and Pembroke); 19 G Fell (Sydney GS and Ballof); 15 A R Williams (Calday Granne GS and Illocate) 20 J C Sharmatic

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It is better to travel hopefully son, means there is a considerable weight of expectancy learned so far from the Not too much, I hope. Of all

matches, this is the one where form counts for little; if it did. then Oxford would be outstanding favourites, having lost only twice - to Leicester and Bedford.

Cambridge have suffered six defeats and have also had to contend with more injuries, to such players as Sutton, Buzza, Glasgow and Bryant. Oxford's ability to steer clear, generally speaking of such troubles is in itself, a commendation of their conditioning and good fortune, which they must hope will spill over at Twickenbarn.

If there is some reserve over discussion of Oxford's record in glowing terms, it is because suspect it represents a slightly false picture. Their response to fixed Saturdays in English league rugby has been to move their main matches to

> J Buzza (Redruth CS and

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TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

Right centre

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Left wing

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CKENHAM	influence.
Cambridge Buzza 1: Rednuth CS and	make more of Egerton's de astating entries from full bas
Hughes Hall) Glasgow 1/ Dollar Academy and Magdalene)	than in last year's match. He also a talented goal-kicke which is a somewhat povert stricken area for Cambridg
R Hall 13 Brynteg CS and Wolfson)	who will look to Glasgow respond.

Experienced opponents have spoken well of Cam-hridge's tight-forward play, organized by the former Ross-lyn Park hooker, Phil Keith-Roach, and the better they play the easier it will be for Bryant and Wainwright - who will need a bit of help having made his way back from Scotland's B international in Italy on Sunday - to impose themselves upon the game to the discomfort of Oxford's halves and, ultimately, the starvation of the predatory Ian Williams

on the wing. That having been said, there is no finer sight than a wing in full flight and the Australian, capped eight times, has made his way to three try-trebles this term. Last year it was Oti's match; this year, before a crowd of more than 50,000 and anticipated receipts of £250,000 (compare that with the 1949 record crowd of 59,500 and £18,400) will it be

OXFORD: bt Loughborough University, 27-0; bt Manly, 39-9; bt Richmond, 16-12; lost to Leteester, 6-24; bt Northempton, 26-19; lost to Gedford, 6-12; bt Cardiff, 20-6; bt Major Starley's XV, 37-15; bt Dublin University, 82-8; bt London Scottish, 33-12

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CAMBRIDGE: bt Camridge City, 47-3; lost to Liverpool St Helens, 18-19; bt St Mary's Hospital, 28-6; bt Bridgend, 33-21; lost to Bedford, 6-8; bt Rossim Park, 7-6; bt Carditl, 28-11; lost to Lieneff, 3-19; bt Northampton, 28-21; lost to Harlequins, 10-31; lost to Lelcester, 21-23; bt Loughborough University, 26-9; bt M R Stoele-Bodger's XV, 28-16; lost to Neath 6-28.

Downing: 18 S. James (Monnouth and Hughes Hal): 19 I. Singleton (Wycliffe and St John's): 20 O Metrion-Jones (Martborough and Magdalane): 21 F Pool-Jones (King's, Macclesfield and Magdalane). (King's, Macclestield, and St Edmund Hall); 21 W D Wood (St Paul's and St



Influential force: Oxford will be depending heavily on Kirk and his ability to clear the ball

for minor

Tony Underwood will join his older brother, Rory, in the North XV to play London at Imber Court on Saturday in the second round of the Toshiba divisional championship (David Hands writes). He replaces Burnhill on the right wing and is the only change in the

Underwood junior, who is 19 and in his second year at Leicester University, has played only a handful of games in Leicester's senior side. But he was watched by David Robin-son, the North coach, in the league match against Harlequins recently, and his speed and zest were impressive. Ted Wood, the North man-

ager, has also coached him in Combined England Students cams in the last two years and has had no besitation in using the extra pace he can offer. London hope to field the XV Williams's? originally selected against the South-West — that is, Harriman (wing) and Rendail (loose-head prop), the two England players. will return if they can prove their fitness after injury.

South and South-West delay selection for their game at Beeston: the Midlands bope to know their team today, while the South and South-West will take a keen interest in Buzza's performance in the University match before announcing their

were frequent and pro-

longed to repair the ravages of

what is euphemistically described in the Antipides as

icy end-to-end wind, favouring Kirkham in the first half, who

led 9-0 a little uneasily after squandering a considerable number of scoring chances. Kirkham pressed furiously.

Kirkham pressed furiously, aided by some good lineout work by Collinson and skilled

Major role Kiernan's kicking put to test in trial

Michael Kiernan, of Ireland, the regular centre since winning his first cap in 1982 against Wales, bas been named as full back in the Probables side for the Irish trial at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week. The teams, announced yesterday, contain no uncapped players in the Probble side hut seven bave forced their way into contention in the Possibles XV including the Ulster half-back partnership of

Russell and Brady. The surprise is, of course, Kiernan's selection as full back, which probably owes more to his kicking prowess than any-thing else. Danaher was not the wer last year, Rainey is short of match practice and Dunlea possibly needs another year or so. And the continued absence on husiness of MacNeill compounded the problem.

ione), N Medion (Connthiens).

POSSIBLES: P Denaher (Garryowen): T Ringland (Ballymen), V Cunningham (St Mary's College). J Hewlit (London Irish). P Haycock (Terenure College): P Russell (Instoniens), R Brady (Bellymena); N Popplewell (Greystones), J McDoneld (Matone). P Hizgerald (Lascowne), P O'Hara (Sunday's Welle), W Anderson (Dungemon), & Rigney (Bective Rangers), P Kenney (Wenderter) & Splane (Bohamians). The Possibles selection makes the more interesting reading Morariu back again

The 27-strong Romanian rugby squad, including the Icam which held France to 12-16 in Bu-charest last month, arrive in Cardiff tomorrow to prepare for their third meeting with Wales

at the weekend.

Leading the party will be
Florica Morariu, back-row forward, who will be looking forward to a third appearance at

capped 64 times, played in every game on the Romanian tour of Wales in 1979, including the 13-12 defeat in the unofficial

with Ringland wearing a blue jersey in an Irish trial for the

first time in bis career and Hewitt, the London Irish centre,

who won two caps as a replace

ment against South Africa in 1981, back in contention.

hookers with Smith in the senior

PROBABLES: M Klemen (Dolphin); J Sexton (Lanedowne); B Mullin (London Irish); D Irwin (Instonians), K Crossen (Instonians); P Deen (St Mary's College), F Aherne (Lansdowne); T Cluncy (Larsdowne), S Smith (Ballymene), J J McCoy (Bangor), P Methews (Wanderes, capt), D Lenham (Constitution), N Francia (London Irish), D McBride (Ma-lone), N Mellion (Corinthans).

Smith and McDonald are the

ROMANIAN SOUAD: M Toader, L Hodorca, S Chinta, O Bolder, G Sava, N Fufina, A Lungu, H Raccom, A Domocos, G Ignat, S Secaleanu, O Nenga, G Leonte, A Corrise, G Dumitrescu, G Ion, Z Vastuianu, S Corascu, D Dumitres, T Droien, A Radutescu, F Maranu, O Sugar, I Ratiu, M Motoc, I Doja.

the Arms Park, Moriariu. Madz powers in for Trinity

Captains enjoy the quality

This Michaelmas term began for the captains of both universities ia the Far East; Ropert Vessey, the Oxford wing, saw his side unbeaten in Japan and

Mark Hancock, the Cambridge Mark Hancock, the Camuriage scrum half, was with his squad in Taiwan, whose national side was beaten three times. Both players are good friends and plan a joiat university venture io Australia, New Zealand and Fiji Whatever happens at Twick-

"Whatever happens at I wickeoham. I shall not regard the
term as o disaster." Vessey said.
"Of course, I would be greatly
disappointed if we lost but I
think we have succeeded in our
ambition of embracing the year as a whole from last January, rather than trying to wio just one

portant. The record of both sides future of Varsity rupby; it shows people the standard of the

Varsity match is high and the perior, a factor he attributes to day is about rather more than just swilling champagne in the Oxford have sharpened their approach off the field with the appointment of Bryan Morgan as the cloh's foll-time admin-University match. istrator. Vessey believes that this step has been a profound

success and talks warmly of the improved structure nvailable at Bot he believes that a certain sympathetic opproach on the part of the university's administrators is required to maintain the excellent level at which

University rugby has performed this term.
"I believe Oxford can maintain this level of play provided there is continuity and a controlled influx of good players. It is important to have top quality players coming. A stendy flow is

their coach and fixture sec-retary, Tony Rodgers. Hancock agrees with the need for quality rugby, not just to attract good players to the universities but also to sustain interest in the

"In the long term, it is more important that the game is exciting and brings the crowds back than who ends op winning. although obviously we both want to do that. I feel we have achieved something this term, regardless of the outcome at 'l agree with Rupert; I don't

think the standard will drop as long as good players are at-tracted and first-class fixtures against the clubs maintained. That is essential." With that in mind, Rodgers

feels slightly uneasy about the arrival of leagues in Welsh required, not a huge flood."

Vessey suspects that the Cambridge structure has been oumore difficult. rugby, a move which he believes will make fixture planning still

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Cincinnati reach play-offs

By Michael Stevenson handling was difficult, but Musson, their capable stand-off Kirkham GS... half was far from hlameless. He Trinity GS, Sydney 11 placed too much faith in the dummy scissors, often feeding Brammer on the burst and he Trinity Grammar School, conquering the problems of near-terminal hypothermia, snatched victory over Kirkham by two regularly plowed back into the Trinity pack.

Kirkham's points came from a well-taken penalty by Craven and his conversion of a penalty tries and a penalty to a con-verted penalty try and a penalty. try when Trinity were off-side and obstructed Bagshaw when a Trinity's tackling in the first half was brave beyond the call of duty with Okey, their captain, outstanding. Some of Trinity's rucking was awesome and stop-

immediately after the interval Trinity were soon battering at the home line and Wilson's try the home line and Wilson's try and a penalty by Urqhuart cut the deficit to a couple of points. Victory came finally from an unforced error when Musson missed touch. Tyson collected on the left and almost scored. When he was checked inches out. Madz, the full back, was up to collect and dive over. To collect and dive over, scotters: Kirkham: Pensity by. Conversion: Craven. Pensity: Craven. Thinty. Tries: Wison, Madz. Pensity: Urginsart. KIRKHAMA: M Rawclitie: C Pigott. T Brammer, D Whitingham, D Halton: J

O Neis.
TRIBITY: J Madz: C Tyson, A Roy, D
Lapthome, A Demetriou; O Urghuart, O
Okey; M Waddington, A Vrice, O Wison,
M Olkey, A Avemanus, 2 Shendan, O
Hogden, H Atkinson.
Referee: O Leske (Manchester and District Society).

● Eltham College are playing the successful Mariborough College at the National Westminster Ground at Beckenham today (kick-off 7.30). The game between St Bees and White haven school, to be played at St Bees of 2.30 tomorrow, will be in aid of the Nick Sinclair Benefit Fund. Sinclair, a promising flanker from Kirk-ham GS, recently suffered serious spinal injuries, when reprenting Pylde against Dur-

ham City.
Also tomorrow at noon. Federgh are organizing an under-12 and under-13 sevens tournament, in honour of the late Sir Wavell Wakefield, their most distinghuised rugby-playing old boy.

STUDENT SPORT

work and play do mix

By a Special Correspondent

Sweatman proof that

Winston Sweatman, of Edin-burgh University, justified his selection to the world student judo championsbips in Tbilisi later this month by defeating strong opposition to win the under-gokg (13st glb) category

Susan Boundy had in settle for second, losing to Clare Alderton in the under-52kg category, and Joanne Richardson (under-56kg). Sarah Welsh (under-61kg) and Susan White (under-

relief as Trudy Holyer showed her class in winning the under-72kg category, which will no doubt boost her confidence for

Reflecting the growth and achievements made in women's judo in Britain, the inaugural British students women's team championships was well sup-DOTTED, with Glassow Universily beating Cambridge in the Silly Doalling Cambridge in the final from an entry of 18 teams. RESULTS tall attilizations Universally unless stated: Meer: Under 60tg: 1, A Frudd (Leids Poly); 2, O Wright (Glasgow); 3, A Floming (Heriot Watt), Under 65tg: 1, O Bearwish (Hattield Poly); 2, P Barnard (Southampton); 3, P Jouy (Birmingham), Under 7ftig: O Frost (Hattield Poly); R Shill (City of London Poly); 3, T Milliard (Teesade Poly), Under 7ftig: O Frost (Hattield Poly); Under 8ftig: 1, W Sweatman (Edinburgh); 2, A Brooks (Saltrod); 3, O Buffer (London), Under 95tig: 1, C Hurst (Leids Poly); 2, N Smith (London); 3, S Gallagher (Usser), Over 95tig: 1, R Wingheld (Crews and Alsager Cofx 2, J Leinster (North Staffs Poly); 3, O Philips (London); Teams: British universibles: 1, London; 2, Cambridge; 3, Easter, Women: Under 55tig: 1, A Applin (Birmingham); 2, K Stawert (Glasgow); 3, J Smisson (Trames Poly); 1, Nader 6ftig: 1, M Taylor (Birmingham); 2, S Weisth (Essex); 3, J Simson (Edinburgh), Under 6ftig: 1, R Sweatman (Mancrester); 2, S White (Trent Poly); 3, K Wheeldon (Leids Poly), Under 72tig: 1, T Holyer (Bath); 2, F Small (Glasgow); 3, C Thom (Glasgow); 0, Ver 72tig: 1, C Balmont (Teesaste Poly), Under 77tig: 1, C Balmont (Teesaste Poly); 2, S Dillon (Expert); 3, C Lund (Birmingham), U. Teasas: British studients: 1, Galsgow; 2, Birmingham; 3, Cambridge. final from an entry of 18 teams.

Aris Salonika are drawcard for Last

BASKETBALL

at Crystal Palace

David Last's boast that this year's world invitation club championship at Crystal Palace
will be the best ever is gaining
credibility. No sooner had the
Soviet Union, the Olympic gold medal winners, assured the championship director of their presence from December 30 to January 2, than Aris Salonika, the Greek champions, who finished fourth in last year's Euro-pean Champions' Cup, were saying they too would attend this twelfth annual tournament.

All it needs now is for Aris to confirm that Nick Gallis, the European player of the year, will be among their line-up, which includes four internationals, and Last may have a self-out if the Greeks reach the final. When Greece played England in a European championship in February, expatriate Greeks helped swell Crystal Palace to its 3,000 capacity.

With Maccahi Tel Aviv, six times the winners, Leverkusen, who were the winners, and and

who won two years ago and South Carolina, the college team from Charleston, also likely to compete. Last need hardly bemoan that his murnament once again lacks a main sponsor. Nor is he considering changing the name of the event although the Soviets are following the Great Britain Olympic team, runnersup last year, to the event. "Who am I to say to the Russians, "You can't come because this is only a club tournament"?" Last

Bracknell Tigers and Crystal Palace are the English repre-sentatives and MIM Livingston.

Glasgow Rangers, the unbeaten Carsiberg League leaders also receive o late call. Whomever Murray meet, they can hardly expect to have things as easy as they did in Sunday's League game against Manchester Ea-gles, who have now lost to them three times in the past fortnight, Eagles, whose barren run now

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extends to five games, took 16 minutes to reach double figures. But for Colin Irish, who col leeted 22 points, their 83-65 defeat might have been much worse. Not that Jeff Jones, their coach, is worried. "My guys coach, is worthed. My guys can't put the ball in the basket, otherwise everything is fine," be said. "There's nothing wrong that a couple of good wins won't put right." But Jones knows that he faces a minor cruss if night's NorWest Trophy game at Oldham Celtics, let alone at Leicester in the League on Saturday. Either way he admits he probably misjudged coming out of retirement to "These guys must start doing it for themselves," he said.

Eagles must be smarting from Bracknell Tigers, Hemcl-Wat-ford Royals and Sunderland all Sunderland, having improved their position by coming from 54-43 down at half-time to succeed 96-95 at Solent through Jim Smith's late winner.

Rangers, who had already quali-fied for the quarter-finals, overcame Olympic City Giants 77-67 and Bracknell won 80-77 at

BOXING

Noel's camp calls for new referee

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

British referees may be the best in the world, but David Nocl, of Trinidad and Tobago, does not want one to referee his challenge for Nigel Benn's Common-wealth title at Crystal Palace on

Tansley Thompson, Noci's manager, said he did not have anything against Adrian Mor-gan, of Wales, but he wanted a neutral official. "I'm not pointing any fingers, but I am asking for a neutral referce. I have to safeguard our interests."

Thompson said. There is little chance of the British Boxing Board of Control appointing another referee. They have got a neutral ref-cree," John Morris, the secretary of the board, said, "Adrian Morgan was specially chosen because, in terms of the Commonwealth, Wales is a separate country. According to Commonwealth championship

fight,"
Morgan's impartiality is beyond question. He disqualified Colin Jones against Curis Ramsey, an American, in 1981 - in

rules of the country holding the

With Noci as an opponent, Terry Marsh and Frank Maloney, the promoters, did not exactly have to rack their brains to call the bout "A Christmas

Cracker".
Nocl. who has lost only four of his 35 contests, has never been knocked out, and as the Continental Americas' champion has a points win over Anthony Logan, who put Benn on the floor. Interstingly, Noci's bout with Logan was held in Port of Spain: the three judges and referee were from Trinidad. · Gary Stretch's first defence of the British light-middleweight title, planned for Bethnal Green tomorrow week, has been called

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rules, you have to box under the off. TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated **Barclays League** Second division

Plymouth v Brighton Sherpa Van Trophy Preliminary round Northern section Blackpool v Rochdale

Darlington v Carilsie Doncaster v Grimsby Scunthorpe v Halifax Southern section

GM Vauxhall Conference Aylesbury v Barnet Stafford v Yeovil

UEFA CUP: Third round, second leg (first leg score in brackets): VfB Stuttgart (WG) (3) v Groningen (Neth) (1).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Manchester United v Leicester; Sheffield Wodneady v Leeds; Sunderland v West Bromwich. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Cueen's Park Rangers v Fulhern; Totten-ham v Reading (2.0). Post_uned: Chariton v lpswich.

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CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hereford v Cardiff City (1.0).

VAUDCHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Markow. First division: Memopolism Police v Basingstoke. Second division monits: Capton v Harkow; Tibury v Billencay; Vauuhell Motors v Berkhemsted. Second division south: Chertsey v Maldenhead United; Horsham v Southalt: Hungerford v Flackwell Heath; Harefield v Barstead; Whyteleade v Camberley (7.45).

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Manne; Stalybridge v Goole, First division: Harrogate Town v Alfreton; Leek v Droyleden.

Alfretor: Leek v Droyleden.

BEAZER MOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath v Reddisch; Merthyr v Moor
Green. Middand division: Bridgnorth v
Nuneaton Borough; Coventry Sporting v
Biston: Stourbridge v Banbury. Southers
division: Auckingham v Trovbridge:
Corinthan v Beldock; Pollestone v Erith
and Belveders; Audalo v Chemistord;
Thanse v Banbury.
Witney v Bandada.

FA TROPHY: Third qualitying round replays: Fleetwood v Morecambe; Gloucester v Dorchester; Gravesend and Northfleet v Bishop's Stortford; Gretna v Spersymoor; Hayes v Hendon; Mattock v Grantham; Windsor and Eton v Harrow Boround.

Borough.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Exmouth v Barnstaple (7.45); Liskeard v Bideford (7.45). AASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rossendale v

Ashton.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Alma Swanley v Barking; Finchley v Carshalton; Hoddesdon v Leytonstone/Hord.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Hampton v Enfield; Harrow Borough v Bedfont: Uxbridge v Russip Manor; Southgate v Staines; Wembley v Yeading.

MISST ENTRING CUB. WEST RIDING CUP: Goole v Farsley.

RUGBY UNION UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (Twickenham, 2.0). CLUB MATCH: Moseley v Rugby. OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Cross-country international:
East Scotland v West Scotland v Northern
Ireland (Irwine).
BASKETBALL: NatWest Trophy: Oldham
v Manchester (8.0).
SNOOKER: World Match Play champlonable (Brentwood).

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SQUASH RACKETS: American Express
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James Capel Ardieigh; Mayllower Lamba
v Leokes Weish Wizznds: Village Hotels v
Sandenmen Thembridge SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5-6 p.m.: National Football League: Latest news and actor as teams attempt to reach the play-offs (repeated at 11.35 p.m.). and action as teams attempt to reach the play-offs (repeated at 11.35 p.m.).

BADMINTON: C4 12.35-1.35 g.m.: Certisberg classic: Coverage of the finals of the women's singles and men's doubles from the Guid Hall. Preston.

FOOTBALL: BBC1 11.48 p.m.-12.20 g.m.: Guinness Soccer Sh: changiouship from G-Mar Centre, Marchester.

Gliczev Inache. BBC2 1.55-3.40 p.m.: RUGBY UNION: BBC2 1.55-3.40 p.m.:
University match: Live coverage of Oxford v Cambridge from Twickenham.
SNOOKER ITV 1.30-3.25 , S.10-5.15 p.m..
11.35 p.m.-12.30 a.m.: Everest World
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by Paul Newman

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2 Marlow v Hendon
1 Slough v Hayes
1 Wokingham v Windsor

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1 St Mirren v Motherweil

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2 Newcastle v Wimbledor
2 Norwich v Arsenal
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v Port Vale; Doncaster v
Sheffield United (Sunday):
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Huddersleidd v Chester;
Kettering v Bristol Rovers;
Northwich v Tranmere;
Peterborough v Brentford:
Reading v Maidscone:
Runcom v Crewe; Scarborough v Corfuele; Yeovil
v Torquay
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1 Barnsley v Walsall

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1 Blackburn v Ipswich

1 Brighton v Stoke

1 Chelsea v Portsmouth

1 Leads v Shriftwsbury

X Leicester v Sunderland

1 Man C v Bradford

1 Plymouth v Bournemth

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AWAYS: OPR, Wimbledon, Bristol City,
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HOMES: Darby, Zarnsley, Leeds,
Wokingham, Banger, St Mirren, Airdre,
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CYCLING Dailey's field of choice thinning out By Peter Bryan

Eight of the 10 places open to amateur teams for next year's been filled, including an acceptance from Australio competing in the 1,150-mile event (May 28 to June 101 for the first time. The Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia have also said

squads, will not find it casy to field more than one capable of

this year's event, turns pro-fessional tomorrow and Colin Sturgess signed as a professional last week, as did Paul Curran, the season's outstanding rider. Doug Dailey, the national coach, plans to use members of the Olympic squad as his "bankers" for the Milk Race, including Dave Spencer, Harry Lodge. Mark Gurnall and Hoban, if the

latter is available.
"All our strength will have to go into the A leam." he said yesterday, "which will leave us free to be quite adventurous in selecting the other squad." In addition in the amateurs. professional teams, three of Kosar threw three touchdown the race will also have six

for two touchdowns to lead the Cincinnati Bengals to a 27-10 win over the San Diego Char-

play-offs. The Bengals, un-deleated at their Three Rivers stadium with two weeks remaining in the National Football League season, will participate in the play-offs for the first time Britain with two amateur in six years.

Simms completed two scoring stage victories. Ciary Baker, a stage winner in tosses to Robinson (14 and nine yards) in the New York Giants' 44-7 win over the Phoerix Cardinals. New York can clinch a play-off position by winning their final two games (Kansas City, New York Jets). Lohmiller booted a 44-yard field goal with one second left, giving the Washington Redskins a 20-19 win over the Philadelphia

Eagles. Dickerson gained 169 yards and scored on a two-yard run as the Indianapolis Colts beat the Miami Dolphins 31-28, Turner helped Indianapolis with two one-yard touchdown plunges. The Cleveland Browns beat

the Dallas Cowboys 24-21 as

Woods rushed for 141 yards and scored twice and Esiason passed for two touchdowns to lead the Seattle Seahawks 13-7 as Stephens rushed for 121 yards to be a touchdown the 1000 most in his surpass the 1,000 mark in his first season season. New Enggers. assuring Cincinnali of at land remain in contention for a least a wild-card berth in the wild-card playoff berth; Seattle wild-card playoff berth; Seattle can still win their division.

Wilson passed for three touchdowns and his defensive colleagues did not allow a touchdown for the fourth successive game as the Minnesota Vikings beat the New Orleans Saints 45-3. Montana hit Rice with a 20yard touchdown pass as the San

Francisco 49ers kept their playoff hopes alive by defeating the Atlanta Falcons 13-3. The Tamna Bay defense harassed the Buffaio quarterback, Kelly, and Testaverde scored on a four-yard bootleg as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers upset the Buffalo

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at the British student championships at Crystal Palace over the Sweatman, a third dan, first won a British student title in (985, as an undergraduate al Oxford University. Presently he is studying for a documente in mathematics at Edinburgh, and manages to combine his academic workload with the demands of top-level judo. Other members of the squad going to Tbilisi did oot fare so well. In the women's events.

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GOLF

Swedes go

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From John Hennessy

Sweden, a growing power in golf as in tennis, are dominating the PGA Enropean Tour qualifying school here. After three of the

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I for land. Comeback pressure holds no foor for holds no fear for Lendl and Becker

For two players who left the US Open three months ago as invalids, Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker have done well.

It says much for their recuperative powers, both mental and physical, that they have been able to battle their way through a highly competitive Masters field to the final at Madison Square Garden for the third time.

Of the Masters tournaments played in recent years, includ-ing the two at the beginning and end of 1986, in which Lendl and Becker featured, none has provided such a diverse and interesting field, so many unexpected results or more commitment from the crowds, which have swelled day by day to 16,000 on Saturday and more than 17,000 on Sunday for the

The first Masters appearance by Andre Agassi had much to do with the initial interest, but no one made a greater impact that Jakob Hlasek, whose sprint down the home straight to qualify for the last eight, when he had not been in the top 15 at the beginning of November, became one of the biggest suc-

cess stories of the year. More impressively, Hlasek looked an even better player

here than he had done when winning his first grand prix title, at Wembley.

Unlike Agassi, who still looks like a kid competing in a man's world, Hlasek, at 24, is mature enough to enjoy and excel in the big-time at-mosphere at the Garden. He proved it by becoming the only player to win all three of

his round-robin matches. It was not until he was facing Becker in two tie-breaks on Sunday that Hlasek's mexperience at this level showed. The temptation to try to

come up with an even bigger shot against an opponent as formidable as Becker is considerable. If Hlasek had not tried to do too much with a few of his returns on crucial points the match might have been even closer.

Stefan Edberg had an extraordinary week which encapsulated the uneven and unpredictable nature of the event. Looking wan and listless while losing to Henri Leconte in his first match, the Wimbledon champion proceeded to stun Becker the next day, winning 6-4 in the third. He dismantled Mats Wilander's game, 6-2, 6-2, by playing the world No. I from

Edberg should have started

more aggressively against Lendl because the baseline rallies which developed allowed the title holder to rediscover his rhythm.

Only Lendl's professionalism and pride had enabled him to get as far as the last four in his first truly competitive tournament since surgery on his shoulder.

In the end the biggest barrier had been mental. "He wants it too badly," Hlasek said, revealing a mind as keen as his game here this week. "He's very nervous but the more he plays, the better he Lendl did not dispute that

"Deep inside you know you're going to come back," he said. But, on the other hand, every athlete making a comeback vorries about it.' Becker has not been given

much time to worry about such things. After beating Hlasek, his coach, Bob Brett, took him back on court after his Press conference for another practice session.

By the time they had fin-ished, the Garden was virtually locked up and downstairs one lonely chauffeur was wait ing to take them back to their botel. Like Lendl, Becker is prepared to go the extra mile in search of victory.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Germans prove their value

The rise of Inter Milan to the top of the Italian first division is due in no small part to the influence of the West Germans, Matthaus and Brehme, who were obtained from Bayern Munich during the summer. They further demonstrated

their importance to their new cluh on Sunday. A deflected free kick by Brehme opened Inter's account against Pescara and Matthaus later increased the

The win keeps Inter two points ahead of Napoli, who, as often before, owed their latest success to the South American pair, Maradona and Careca, who both scored in the win against Fiorentina. Carcca's goal was his eighth in as many league

AC Milas recovered their poise, after the beating they took last week from Napoli, by beating Lecce 2-0. The Dutchman, van Basten, helped create the first goal and scored the second from the penalty spot.

the absence of Zavarov, who was suspended, beating Pisa 41. Two members of the Italian team which won the 1982 World Cup, Cabrini and Altobelli, were among the Juventus scorers. Another German, Voller, scored for Roma as they beat Samp-Had Völler, Matthaus and Brehme stayed at home, they would now be looking forward

to a winter break, Bayern Mu-nich were held to a goalless draw hy Bochum on Saturday but still have a three-point lead at the top of the first division. The league programme resumes on February 18. The Austrian season has also

gone into hibernation and FCS Tirol will take a two-point lead into the play-offs which begin on March 11. Swiss first di-vision teams will play once more before their break but several teams have already clinched places in the play-offs

pean places. Among them are Servette, for whom another familiar German, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, scored three times against Lugano. He is the top scorer in the league with 17 Hoddle scored twice and Hateley once as Monaco beat Lille 4-2 in the French first division while Jesper Olsen scored his first goal for Bordeaux in their 2-2 draw with Montpellier. But the championship is fast becoming a two-horse race. Paris Saint-Germain and Anxerre, who beat Cannes and Lens respectively on Saturday, have opened a nine-point

gap at the top.

Barcelona, who regained the top position in the Spanish first division last week, kept it with a win against Logrouses on Sun-day. Beguiristain and Salinas scored their goals. On Saturday Real Madrid, who are in second place, beat Atletico Madrid with several teams have already a goal scored in injury time by Vásquez. Three players were for the championship and Eurosent off, two of them from Real.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

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CRICKET: CENTURY BY HAYNES ENSURES WEST INDIES MAINTAIN CONTROL



NZ rely on resilience Tireless Hughes serves of batsmen Australia's cause nobly

Hyderabad

New Zealand have it all to do. when they resume their second innings in the third and final Test match this morning after the rest day yesterday. The touring team, somewhat shack-led on 65 for three, still need 39 runs to wipe out the first-innings

Only a supreme effort from the unbeaten batsmen, Wright and Greatbatch, and the others to follow, will take the visitors out of the tight situation.

The New Zealand late-order busmen have shown that they baismen have shown that they are capable of putting their heads down. They displayed rare grit and determination in the second Test in Bombay when, in the two innings, the ninth-wicket combinations put on 76 and 69 to help New Zealand win the match and level the series at 1-1. Wright, the New Zealand

captain, believes his men are capable of producing a similarly plucky performance. "We have a lot of work ahead of us," he said. But we've just got to be positive. It is easy to play strokes on this wicket and I am hopeful that we will be able to

Wright described the pitch as "interesting" and praised the off-spin bowler, Ayub, for from it on the first day. He said of the Indians was their "ability to bat more successfully against

part, said he was happy with the overall performance of his team so far. "I would have been happier if we were able to take a slightly higger lead on the first innings," he said. "Azhar and Kapil were batting well. Unlike the first two Tests it was nice to see the last three wickets add some useful runs to the total."

Vengsarkar agreed that the spin bowlers held the key to the outcome. He added that the experience in the last Test had shown India that they could not afford to become complacent because the last two or three New Zealand batsmen were capable of batting well. There is still a long way to go in this match. I have learnt not to take

match. I mave learnt not to take anything granted in a cricket match," he said.

SCORES: New Zealand 254 (M J Greathanth 90 not out, I O S Smith 79: A Avect 4 tor 55) and 65 for three; India 358 (M Azhanudin 61, K Sridkanth 69; M C Snedden 4 for 69).

Tavaré undecided Chris Tavare, the Kent and England batsman, has yet to decide to accept an offer of a new contract with the county.

Tavare said: "I've been husy with my benefit year and now that's quietening down I shall start thinking about my future hus I've come to no decision at

Having failed to make an early held; three or four others were breakthrough when West Indies continued their second innings

in the second Test match here yesterday, Australia were content to keep them in the field until the close of play, and this they did. There was some heroic bowling from Hughes, who was having to carry an extra share of the load in the absence of West Indies batted cautiously

for a long time before opening their shoulders; and because of the playing conditions agreed in advance of the series, it worked to Australia's advantage to bow their overs slowly. At close of play West Indies led by 384 runs with two second-innings wickets standing.
Hughes was splendid. Told by

Border a year ago to go away and shed some weight if he wanted to play again for Australia, he has come back, not fined down exactly but fit enough to bowl 34 spanking overs on a hot and clondless day, and to become in the process the first Australian to take 12 wickets in a Test

match against West Indies.

He is an odd sight, being large and heavy footed, with a crewcut and an expansively design. He bowled an excellent line and was more than fast enough when he pitched the ball short, which he did quite often enough, to have the batsmen ducking for cover. He has had a great match and everyone is loving him for it. Apart from Hughes, only

much trouble. In the 51 overs he has bowled in the match, he could have had half a dozen wickets and in fact has taken none. May, the off spinner, and the wicketkeeper, Healy, have looked very ordinary. Dode-maide, a medium pacer, might he useful on English pitches; but there are a lot of bowkers around of whom that may be said. As in West Indies' first innings, only the simplest of catches were

the day was completed. though he had mumps. He had been told that so long as he felt

held; three or four others were spilt without difficulty.

On a pitch that is cracked enough to be unpredictable and hard enough to be fast, Australia will still do well to save the match. There will be no question of Australia going for the runs. Should they be batting at 6 o'clock this evening (play starts at 11), and even if West Indies have bowled nothing like the stipulated 90 overs, Australia, as the side at the crease, could choose to go off, as obviously choose to go off, as obviously they would.

There were century partner-ships for both the second and third West Indian wickets between Haynes and Richard-son for the second and Haynes and Hooper for the third. In the 67th over Haynes reached his tenth Test hundred, but his first in Australia. His relief when he did so was unconcealed. With-out receiving another ball he changed the bat he had been waving and was immediately caught at the wicket, not the first decision in the match to cause the batsmen dismay.

Hooper was an hour making five, but having hurt a knee white fielding on Sunday and taken a runner, he played some lovely strokes. He looks a dozy creature and seemed not to hear the applause when he went in, having just mishooked Hughes to short mid-wicket. Richards had been leg before to Hughes, trying to flick a ball of full length from off the off stump to square leg. He "walked" without so much as looking at the umpire.

demic interest, except for Hughes, with the West Indians accumulating runs they had no need of, knowing that if they declared Australia could and would go off at 6 o'clock. It was

broken jaw having been wired overnight, looking rather as

like it, he could bat or bowl.
"But I didn't feel that way
disposed," he said. Today, if the worst comes to the worst for Australia, he may have to.

In discussing his injury, he thought how silly be had been

not to be wearing a visor attached to his helmet. Asked about the length of the ball, he said: "It certainly wasn't a half-volley." He thought it a bit rough getting a lifter second ball, "but that's how they bowl." So, I may add, do be and Hughes, and so did Lilled "That's not the Lawson said: "That's not the face I married."

The manager of the West Indian side, Clive Lloyd, seemed unconcerned. "You have this in Test cricket anyway," he said. He should know, having superintended more short-pitched bowling than any captain in the game's history. Bobby Simpson, the Australian manager, would go no further than to say that too many bouncers were being bowled at tailenders, though the Austraian camp believe that the injury to Lawson on Saturday evening was the culmination of far too much short-pitched bowling. So it was - but it had started on Friday when Australia were in

WEST INDIES: First invings 449 (I V A Richards 148, A L. Logie 93, R 3 Richardson 68; M G Hughes 5 for 130). AUSTRALIA: First mings 395 for &dec (G M Wood 111, S R Waugh 91, O C Boon 80; C E L Ambijose 5 for 72).

the field.

ras (b 14, lb 9, nb 9)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-103, 3-216, 4-236, 5-246, 8-259, 7-300, 8-310 BOWLING: Hughes 35-9-80-7; Dodermade 22-2-90-1; Waugh 23-1-70-0; May 14-1-68-0

Cautious approach from England From a Special Correspondent

further 20 being the second top score in the Ireland innings.

Opening bat Ann Murray, held the innings together with 58 before she was eighth out after 165 minutes. England did, England's women cricketers passed up an opportunity to boost their disappointing scor-

boost their disappointing scoring rate by taking 43.3 overs to score 127 for three to beat Ireland in their Bicentennial World Cup match at Sydney

Saturday's loss to Australia made it essential for England to get back on the winning trail but the modest Irish bowiers were flattered by England's inability to push their run-rate above three and over. With the ball not coming onto the bat the players at the top of the England order

Extras continue to be the bane of England's life in the field, a

however, have the distinction of becoming the first team to bowl Ireland out in this tournament

a nurray c rower b barrs i P Moore run out A Owens c Barrs b Taylor M Waish c Aspinall b Mayb j Owens c Lowell b Barrs ... A Smith c Powell b Barrs ... Armstrong run out K Ctancy b Aspirall M Hearnden not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-32, 3-33, 4-65, 5-91, 6-97, 7-115, 8-117, 9-123,

J M Chemberlain, J C Aspinell, †P A Lovel, o Maybury, G A Smith, C E Taylor did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-88, 3-82. BOWLING: S Owens 12-1-29-0; McDorald 9-0-22-1; Clancy 4-1-15-0; E Owens 12-4-22-1, Moore 4-0-21-0; Smith 2-3-1-12-0.

Umpires: L Kain and & Livingstone.

Women's FA Cup OUARTER-FINAL: Plignins or Doncester Belies v Lessows or Registe: Walton and Hersham or Bronte v Milliwal Lionesses or Preston Rangers: Cove Kratetona or Biggleewade v Teumon or Notts Rangers: Friends of Fulham or Birmingham City v Red Star Southampton or Abbeydale. Masches to be played on February S.

ATHLETICS BASKETBALL MATICINAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavelagy 122, Deriver Naggets 103: Detroit Pistoris 102, New Jersey Nets 92: Los Angeles Laters 119, Washington Bullets 112.

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school here. After three of the six rounds they have a player. Jesper Parnevik, in the lead on 204, 11 under par, another player Ulf Nilsson sharing sec-ond place on 205 and yet a third, Johan Tumba, sharing fourth place on 206 place on 206.

Tumbe might have taken a better position had not he and his two playing partners, Paul Mayo, a former British amateur champion, from Wales, and Rick Hartmann, of the United States, hurried their last hole, the 595-yard ninth, in an at-tempt to defeat the gathering

dusk,
Both Tumba and Hartmann took six and Mayo a scrambled five. Mayo put his second into a lake, played out after donning waterproofs, and eventually had to get up and down from 50 yards to save his par.

Mayo, playing the school for the first time, had led by one

shot overnight, but yesterday could not hit the ball close enough to the fing to have a reasonable hope of birdies, and failed to claim one. His only failed to claim one. His only deviation from par was when he his a three-wood into a bunker at the 209-yard fifth and took four. That brought him alongside Mark Davis, a former English stroke-play champion, on 208, but both had yield to the Scot, David James. James, aged 26, roared away with four successive birdies, starting at the 10th, and hauled in six more.

LEADING SCORES (British and Irish unless stated). 204: J Parmevili (Swe). 68, 69, 67, 206: U Nilesson (Swe), 69, 68, 68, A Birsgin (I), 68, 70, 07, 206: O James, 70, 70, 68; M-A Farry (Fr), 68, 71, 57; J Tumbs (Swe), 86, 70, 70, 207; J Mouhica (Fr), 73, 68, 67, f Harimann (US), 68, 67, 77, 206: P Mayo, 68, 67, 73; M Davis, 70, 68, 70.

SNOOKER

Taylor is right off cue

By Steve Acteson Dennis Taylor was out of touch

to an alarming degree yesterday as he slipped to a 5-3 deficit against the world No. 4, Ste-phen Hendry, in their Everest World Matchplay quarter-final at the Brentwood Centre.

The 1985 world champion, ranked tenth, last met the Scot, aged 19, 14 months ago in the Rothmans Grand Prix final when Hendry triumphed 10-7 to win his first ranking title.

If Taylor thought that win-

ning the first of yesterday's scheduled 17 frames was a pointer to better things, he was swiftly disappointed as Hendry, showing considerable resilience, brought off the first of a series of confidence-building recoveries from 41-0 down with a break of 76 in the second frame.

RESULTS: Quarter-finate: S Hendry (Scot) leads O Taylor (NI) 5-3. Frame scores (Hendry first) 59-75. 78-41, 75-47, 76-8, 35-55, 57-60, 44-95, 58-50. Sunday: J Parrott (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng) 9-7. Frame scores (Parrott first) 9-911, 95-30, 17-67, 0-72, 93-8, 89-31, 0-87, 20-76, 8-99, 65-52, 77-38, 114-17, 108-1, 1-94, 20-64, 82-9.

FA Trophy

FIRST ROUND: Bangor v South Bank or Radcliffe Borough, Grantham or Matlock v Northwich Victoria; Boston v Stafford: Whistby or Stockton v Hyde: Tefford v Witton; Burron v Chorley; Corby or Colwyn

Cross country charge defies all sense Fighting

For any who have lost faith in the great British tradition of sporting eccentricity, the farm fields of Leicestershire provided a guaranteed tonic yesterday. There, amid the animation of the involved and the blank astonishment of the uninformed, was staged one of the most outlandish horse

Do not be fooled by the title. The Melton Hunt Club cross country ride may conjure up an image of a gentle canter over hills and meadows; it is nothing of the sort.

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Grossly simplified, it is an intensely competitive 31/2-mile race, crossing 35 obstacles from relatively inoffensive hedges to a ditched road crossing, beside which Becher's Brook at Aintree would look inviting. The horses are hunters, team chasers and ancient point-to-pointers. The riders are all old enough to know

They gathered, with a rosycheeked eagerness which only those who have ridden at speed over fences would remuddy field near the village of Upper Broughton, a part of England famous for cheese, pork pies and hunting horas. They have gathered here on

a winter's morning for this delightfully batty event each year since the mid-1950s and they show no sign of wanting to come to their senses.

Some years there have been up to 70 runners. A crazy but ectacular cavalry charge. Yesterday, partly because of a postponement from the orig-inal date two weeks ago, when frost and snow combined to Horse Link, is an enterprising

defeat even these indomitable spirits, the field was down to 44. I counted them all out. I counted only 25 back.

That the race is no respecter of fame was evident at the first fence. Ian Balding, who had where he trains the Queen's flat horses, came to grief. Unhurt, except perhaps in pride, he retired to the marquee (whisky macs a speciality) and vowed to return next year.

That the race is no respecter of age or sex was confirmed at the third. There, Mrs Sally Everitt, aged 56 and riding in the event for the 25th time, took off perfectly on her own horse, Golden Destiny, only to be bundled rudely into the mud as another runner cannoned Mrs Everitt was a mixture

of indignation and determination. She bridled: "That is only the second time I've failed to complete since my first ride in 1962 and it's annoying because I really felt I might

she does not intend to give up yet. "I have told everybody I'll retire from the event when I'm 60 and I mean to win it again before then."

There were, inevitably, more hard luck stories on the way round, many invisible to all pt the helicopter which circled protectively over the runners and a few dozen

waers rather than prospecspectators claiming the prime viewing site on the natural grandstand of Muxlow Hill. One such disaster befell the

concept, matching horses and

Bealby was mortified when his mount refused the first. He finally coaxed the reluctant horse over the hedge and made up lost ground only to come down six fences from home.

couldn't pull him up to get things right." He jumped the remaining fences in this disorganized state and then handed over the trophy to a minutes earlier.

haps of the marathon, a thrilldown six fences from home.

He said: "I remounted but judges, cronched on a hay cart, my irons were crossed and I failed to contain their excite-

ment. The pair jumped the final hedge together before Mike Roberts, aged 45, a aboard the quaintly named Juicy Tom.

Roberts, who lives in East Sussex but hunts in Leicestershire with the Quorn, candidly described his mount as "a failed showjumper". But he

him one of the best paid

managers in English football.

Above all Smith is deter-

mined to prove himself as a

leading manager with one of

the League's largest clubs.

with the Manchester Uniteds,

Evertons, and Liverpools of

this world. In two years I would like to feel that we are.

That's how long I am looking

to take to turn things

the club's first division status

and then if I make it successful

the world is my oyster. They

the front because one thing I

Gordon McKeag, the

experienced manager to end

the interim reign of Colin

Suggett following the dis-missal earlier in the season of

Willie McFaul. There have

been a number of rejections

from well known figures.

Dave Beasant, the goalkeeper

The players obviously shared Smith's sentiments. As

am not short of is bottle."

Newcastle chairman, clearly relieved to have se-cured the signature of an

"My first task is to maintain

round,"be insisted.

"Newcastle should be there

He is not a racehorse but he has won every serious cross country race in England.

biggest and best I shall take to Czechoslovakia next year for the Pardobice. If he can jump round Melton, he can jump round there."

Support for that ambition

pletes the only practice match,

against Greece in Athens,

in Albania the following

in the programme, or Derby County against Southampton.

New Year, presents a dilemma

for those responsible for The

If they decide to station

their cameras at Old Trafford, they risk inconveniencing

three national managers. Rob-

son would be without his

captain, Bryan Robson, as

well as Waddle and Gascoigne

when the England party

assembles as usual on Sunday

evening. Andy Roxburgh and

Billy Bingham would be

equally displeased with the

Leighton, McClair and

Strachan would not be immediately available to Rox-

burgh when the Scots gather for the World Cnp qualifying

tie in Cyprus. Nor would

Donaghy be present when

Bingham starts Northern Ire-

land's build-up to the group

match at home against Spain.
If the venue for The Match

The Football League Manage-

ment committee's attempt to

seize the £1.9 million bond

posted in 1986 by the new Middlesbrough board against

the old company's debts will be tested in the High Court in London before Christmas

The case was due to be heard in Leeds yesterday, but

was stood down for lack of time. Although the Judge did

not renew the temporary

(Peter Ball writes).

Match.

arrangement.

ITV is believed to be

Live TV poaches

Robson's squad

By Stnart Jones, Football Correspondent

The demands of live tele- is the Baseball Ground, the

vision are about to encroach three national leaders would on England's World Cup be appeased since Shilton and

who finished second in this year's Pardobice on Free Flow. Yesterday, on the same horse, he could come only third.

The announcer made much of this at the prize giving. Around these parts, you see, they believe that the Melton race is unique in its demands on horse and rider. They may

Yet the television public is unlikely to see the game as so

vision deal was signed in the

summer. Since the coverage of

the Olympic Games delayed

the start of The Match until

BBC Television is delighted

with audience response to

FA Cup ties. The Cup edition

of Match of the Day on

November 9 saw an audience

of four million watching

matches between non-League

clubs and those from the lower

divisions. Brian Barwick, the

BBC Editor of Football, said:

"Although the programme

went out late in the evening,

we are delighted with the total number of viewers."

would be observed until the

The dispute over the debts has been a long one. The cluh claims that it has paid £1.5

million to creditors but it has

maintained all along that loans from former directors and revised claims by traders,

who had previously accepted a

percentage settlement, should not be paid off.

The League has not ac-

cepted this argument, and

independent auditors have

found that £1.2 million is still

nationals.

Dispute changes court

full hearing.

Understanding how supporters feel

before the next qualifying tie, attractive a prospect, in Albania the following The Football Association remarked. has reluctantly accepted ITV's schedule. "It is not a helpful Since then the Association bas sprouted 13 branches considering covering either date," Graham Kelly, the Manchester United against chief executive, said yesoutside of Liverpool with two more to follow shortly while Tottenham Hotspur, appre- terday, "and I was a little the membership has risen to ciably the most appealing tie disappointed that it has not over 20,000. Taylor, the been possible to steer clear of chairman of SFA ("we've got a that Sunday. We would cerlot of lady members") is an The choice, which will be tainly hope to avoid such a made officially early in the problem in the future." stands the language of The League foresaw poten-

He is regularly invited to speak on problems affecting supporters at meetings and seminars up and down the country and was even quoted in the House of Commons this week during the debate on the

the FSA as a significant voice within the game, they were excluded until it was too late, from the working party set np by the Government to discuss

"We think it's vindictive

Golden opportunity

"I believe that a number of Tory MPs, sitting in marginal constituencies, will realize that 1,000 footy votes and the £23,500-a-year job is gone."

It is Taylor's belief that the Government has missed a golden opportunity to build into its report positive rather

"They could have drawn our fire by saying: The wonder of will know who its customers are, let it be self-administered and they will be more enthusiastic about it. We are offering you the bones of a real democracy'. That's just what supporters have been wanting for years. Instead they stabbed themselves in the foot," Taylor

It is Taylor's understanding that any implementation of the Bill could be delayed until as lems of introducing such an ambitious scheme. He understands that the people responare requesting a pilot scheme



Britain humbled in Federation Cup

Frum Barry Wood, Melbourne

British tennis was further underlined yesterday when the Federation Cup team was defeated 2-1 hy Indonesia in the first round.

The result should have dramatic effects within the hallowed walls of the Lawn Tennis Association, for there are no excuses that can be offered. The unknowns from the South China Sea were better, smarter and less prone to careless errors.

Clare Wood was the only light to shine on one of the grimmest days in our tennis style to overcome Waya Walalangi 6-2, 6-3

It was a good win, for although ranked 532. Walalangi was competent enough and displayed a useful forehand. Wood, however, might have won even more decisively if she had capitalized on some early chances. For instance, she held five hreak points in the second game, yet lost them all.

Sara Gomer, destined to be the British No. 1 when the new rankings are announced, seems to save some of her worst performances for when she is sporting the Union Jack.

The impoverished state of One recalls her capitulation to Lori McNeil in the Wightman Cup last year; her 6-2, 7-6 defeat by Rahayu Basuki must join the list of unacceptable

> She never really looked as if she had the confidence to win. Her game was littered with unforced errors, and she appeared to lack any real game plan. Nerves may have also played a part.

Time, however, may prove that Gomer was outplayed hy a rising star, for Basuki showed considerable talent. Still 18 and a student, there is history. She played with some much in her game to suggest a worthwhile career could lay ahead. She has a strong and accurate serve, hits her forehand deep and knows what

shots to hit and when. That was also demonstrated in the doubles, when she was joined by a housewife and mother of a three months, Suzanna Kusuma. This time Wood became a victim, together with Julie Salmon, and the result was 7-5, 6-3.

RESULTS: First round: Indonesia bt Great Britain, 2-1 (W Watatangi lost to C Wood, 6-2, 6-3; R Basulo bt S Gomer, 6-2, 7-6; Basulo and S Kusuma bt Wood and J Salmon, 7-5, 6-3); France bt Jopan, 3-0; Australia bt Israel, 3-0; Austral bt Beigum, 2-1; Span bt The Netherlands, 3-0; Italy bt Poland, 2-1.

Smith pledges to bring glory days

to manage Newcastle United about leaving Queen's Park

back to St James' Park.

Bottom of the first division, in 500 minutes of League bated by the rumblings of an these sitations before and it won't stop me getting on with While such a healthy track record will no donbt boost

yesterday. Nevertheless in this Smith's confidence, his bank need not yet extinguish all balance will be buoyed up by a contract worth £300,000 over three years which will make

management

why I'm here to alter all that," "It doesn't worry me at all

attempted boardroom take- that the cluh is in such a precarious state or under

Shreeves holds the fort are just crying out for success up bere. I will be leading from

coach, remains favourite to Rangers chairman, spoke to succeed Jim Smith as the Shreeves on the telephone manager of Queen's Park before he left. "I will sit down Rangers, Trevor Francis and Osvaldn Ardiles were mentioned yesterday for positions in a revamped set-up (Dennis

Shreeves, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager, and he aspirations at managerial level was put in temporary command yesterday. As Smith travelled to the North-East, ian international, is on

and talk fully with him later this week," he said.

Although Thompson was insisting he still had an open mind on the appointment, it is former England captain,

and elub captain put it: "Jim Smith has a great track record and I think he will be good for

Ipswich hoping to sign Baltacha

defender with Dynamo Kiev. work permits."

Wellington yesterday.

England and New Zealand.

replacement for the cancelled

trip to India.

continued their attempt to back one of the players," become the first English club Duncan said. The club's inito sign a Russian player tiative is being supported by (Louise Taylor writes). John Michael Irvine, the MP for Duncan, the club manager, Ipswich. "He has been helpful and David Sheepshank, a throughout." Duncan added director, were in the Soviet "He put me in touch with the Union, where their main tar- right people to contact and is get is Sergei Baltacha, a central now working on visas and

Baltacha, aged 30, since the start of the season. "We have been watching the situation closely and we have offered Baltacha a possible contract. I have been encouraged by developments, encouraged enough to make this trip. After all it was them that invited us

injunction preventing the League from seizing the bond, it was agreed that the provisions of a restraining order

SPORT IN BRIEF

Masters line-up

Kelly Evernden, of New Zealand, and the American, Johan Kriek, the late replacements, are drawn in the same group as the No. 1 seeds, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, of the United States, for the Masters doubles tennis tournament starting at the Albert

Hall tomorrow.

Had group: K Rach and R Segue (US): S
Casel and E Sk
and T Whaten (US): K Evernden (NZ) and
J Kriek (US). Blue group: J Fitzgerald
(Aus) and A J Steve Baddeley, the Common (NS): P Atricer and D Wasser (SA): M.
Davis (US): P Atricer and D Wasser (SA): M.
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Davis (US) and B Drewest (Aus).

No. 4, have been exoner

Further delay



Steve Baddeley, the Commonwealth badminton champion. and Steve Butler, the England No. 4, have been exonerated for withdrawing from the Scottish Open tournament in

Val d'Isere (Reuter) — A men's
World Cup downhill race,
postponed on Sunday because
of heavy snow, was called off
again yesterday after torrential

Desert date Liverpool and Celtic, the

outstanding.

champions of England and Scotland respectively, will meet for the unofficial British football title in the Dubai Cup in the desert state on January

Official duty

Three Britons will officiate in the Davis Cup final between Sweden and West Germany from December 16 to 18. George Grime, the referee, is joined by umpires, Jeremy Shales and Stephen Winyard

Start halted

Florida - Racing on the first day of the world windsurfing championship, in which Dave Perks, of Cornwall, will defend his title, was abandoned yesterday due to lack of wind.

battle for fans

It has taken bim a while to me round to it, but today Colla. Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, will finally come faces to-face with the people for whom his Government's contentions Football Spec-tators Bill was designed - the At least Moynihan has

moved a sight quicker than football's establishment in seeking out their views. About 100 years quicker. In all that time supporters have never been as much as asked the time of day. In fairness to the authorities there had not been a reputable supporters group with whom they could confer. That was until August 1985. when the aftermath of the Heysel stadium disaster a couple of "Kopites" decided to hand English supporters back their self-respect.

Rogan Taylor, a writer-researcher, council training officer, voluntary worker and "football lover", and Peter Garrett, a public liaison police officer, came to the conclusion that had supporters of Juventus and Liverpool met in a pub to organize that fatal match, they could not bave made a worse joh of it than UEFA and the Belgian FA. It was time, they thought, that running of their sport.

Within four days of drawing up the rules and regulations of the Football Supporters Association they were given the chance to be heard. BBC Newsnight rang to say that they needed the view of the is to be shown on ITV on February 5, three days before Bobby Robson's served by the state of Northern Iresopporter in a debate on football hooliganism and could they send along a few members. Of course they could, they replied. They sent four the entire FSA membership. "We knew then that there was a hole in the market." Taylor

> supporters. tial difficulties when the tele-

the end of October, it was inevitable that one of the 18 Sunday programmes would Queen's Speech.
Yet despite the emergence of coincide with the beginning of a week set aside for intertheir coverage of first round

ways of implementing the national membership scheme. Contrary to a report in a recent Sunday newspaper which claims that supporters were in favour of compulsory membership, it will come as no surprise to many to learn that Taylor does not know of a single supporter who is in favour of it.

towards supporters and irrele-vant to hooligans," he said. When FSA meet Moynihan next week, they intend to impress upon him that the Bill will upset a much larger number of people and a greater cross-section than they sus-

Water

has been missed

late as the spring of 1990 because of the technical probsible for its computerisation

and more time.
"We feel they've rushed into this one, thinking nobody will mind," he said.

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back to Newcastle

Five years ago Jim Smith that Smith landed at turned down an opportunity Newcastle 50 minutes late for "family reasons". Yes- instance past precedent sugterday he had no qualms gests that Tyneside supporters Rangers in order to undertake hopes of salvaging a hitherto

the job he regards as "the biggest challenge of my life".

Challenge it certainly will be. Walking with bare feet out of deep holes and QPR, over hurning coals would be Birmingham City, Oxford considered by some to carry United, and Colchester less potential pain than the United all enjoyed appreciable task of hringing the glory days upturns in fortune under his

"The team can't get a win Newcastle are without a goal and can't score a goal. That's football with their undoubted Smith said on arrival at problems on the field exacer- Newcastle airport last night.

A computer failure at threat from a possible take-Heathrow yesterday meant over. I have been involved in

Shreeves took a party of the players to Manchester for the He was at Tottenham was Gninness Soccer Six Shreeves, and, at 36, wants to move into coaching.

lpswich Town yesterday "I am confident of bringing

face anti-apartheid protests if over selection policy concern

the proposed tour of New ing cricketers who play and

an update on prospects for the bowling in these 40-over

Tour disruption threat The England cricket team will prevent a split in world cricket

Zealand goes ahead in Feb-ruary and March, Dick Cuth-Although the question Although the question of a bert, a spokesman for the Halt successor to Peter May as All Racist Tours group, said in chairman of the England selectors is on the agenda, no He also promised action decision is expected until next against the Pakistan team if it March. However, there will be agreed to take part in a decisions on playing matters triangular one-day series with with the maximum permitted run-up in Refuge Assurance Thursday's meeting of the games likely to be extended. Test and County Cricket from 15 to 22 yards to Board, at Lord's, will be given improve the quality of fast

tour, which would be a games. Also discussed will be a proposal that counties should The board may well decide not be permitted to register to call a special meeting to more than one overseas' formulate policy for the vital player, the change to be made meeting of the International as soon as possible. If ap-Cricket Conference in Janu- proved, the new regulation ary, when some delicate nego- could come in for the 1990 tiations will be needed to season.